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Pakistan okays 15 prisoners' release

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

RAWALPINDI, March 8 — Pakistan government Sunday offered to release 15 of the 92 prisoners as a concession to the three hijackers who are holding 112 passengers as hostage on a hijacked PIA Boeing at Kabul airport for the past six days but declared that it would not submit to such "political blackmail".

"No government can run under pistol point," Defense Secretary Maj. Gen. Rahim Khan told a press crowd at the defense ministry here. He said all the 92 prisoners, whose release had been demanded by the hijackers, had "substantive criminal charges" against them but in 15 cases the government was ready to take a lenient view for the safety of the hostages.

He criticized the Western media for describing the 92 persons in question as "political prisoners" and said this amounted to endorsing the hijackers' view. He said the Pakistani negotiating team at Kabul which had spent the day at the Afghan ministry of defense and foreign affairs had been conveyed the government's latest offer.

At Kabul, the three hijackers had extended their dead line by 24 hours which expired at 3 p.m. Kabul time Sunday, after which they have threatened to kill the passengers one by one. Their first victim was a Pakistani diplomat who was shot Friday and his body was thrown out of the plane to die in hospital several hours later.

Defense secretary disclosed that in spite of the tension of 144-hours, the three hijackers were reported fresh and fit and were being provided with all facilities. Quoting a Muslim ambassador who met the leader of the hijackers Saturday at the door of the plane, the official said "the hijacker looked so fresh as if he had just landed."

He said the hijackers were now armed with weapons like sub machine gun which they could not have carried at the time of boarding the plane. They had also cleared the first-class compartment of the plane where they received visiting Afghan officials, he alleged.

An airline official who was part of the negotiating team and had now returned from Kabul told pressmen the Afghan officials refused the negotiating team a direct contact with the hijacker.

He said that even the wireless talk with hijackers was delayed for hours together and Friday the Pakistani officials were taken to airport tower just seven minutes before the lead line by the hijackers was to expire.

Saud opens roundtable conference

By Elias Haddad

JEDDAH, March 8 — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal Sunday set the stage for a three-day seminar on business practices in Saudi Arabia.

In an opening address to the roundtable conference on economic and industrial development the minister briefed international businessmen on the relationship of foreign policies and development followed by the government of Saudi Arabia.

The prince spoke to more than 100 leading businessmen from 33 nations on the government's support of the Palestinian problem and the condemnation of Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The minister, who also discussed the Kingdom's policies over a number of world issues, explained how these problems effect economic progress and stability of the region as a whole.

After the opening, an address read on behalf of Finance and Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail said that the Kingdom has made a record achievement of economic development in the last ten years.

The roundtable conference is sponsored by the Ministry of Finance and Economy and organized by the Business Interna-

World businessmen hear politico-economic policies

tional, a New York-based organization, which publishes *Business International and Business Europe*, two weekly reports which specialize in world economies.

Seven Ministers and leading Saudi Arabian businessmen are also attending the Riyadh conference at King Faisal Conference Hall. In the address Aba Al Khail credited the economic achievements to two factors: the government's leading role in the public sector and its unlimited support for the private sector. The minister added that three reasons were behind the government's role in the economy:

First: Investment of oil revenues
Second: The Kingdom being the largest employer and,
Third: the ability to draw up priorities for infrastructural projects where the private sector cannot venture.

He said that government's participation in both private and public sector is of temporary nature.

The policy of the government, which adheres to the concept of free economy, is to sell shares in state-initiated projects in which the private sector cannot undertake, he said.

The result of such a policy is a real national growth of about 25 per cent annually, the minister added.

This growth was possible because of "priority changes" and not solely because of budgetary increases which averaged 32 per cent a year, the minister said.

Worth mentioning he said is the increase in allocations to develop economic resources. The figure rose from 14 per cent in the first five-year development plan to 22 in the second and 33 in the current plan.

Aba Al-Khail said that these allocations and expenditures resulted in a large absorption ability for the Saudi Arabian economy. He said it is difficult to find definitions for the power of absorption, but what needs emphasis is that the private sector has con-

tributed a major share to the national income.

The real development of the private sector indicates that the absorption power was not a problem at any time. Aba Al-Khail stressed.

He said that the Kingdom's imports of capital goods also increased sharply, by 36 per cent, between 1969 and 1979. However, part of the increase could be attributed to inflation in industrialized countries.

Referring to fields where the public and private sector are involved, Aba Al-Khail said that government spending resulted in a large increase for demand which in turn led to higher profits for the private sector. With that, the private sector boosted its production, he added.

The state's concentration on infrastructure expenditure also increased the power of economic absorption in general, and created new investment fields for the private sector.

The minister reaffirmed that the government provides direct assistance and easy-term loans to the private sector through various programs. The state provided the

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British strikes to cripple flights

LONDON, March 8 (R) — British air space will close Monday together with unemployment and social security offices, and Buckingham Palace, London residence of Queen Elizabeth, may be picketed when 530,000 civil servants go on strike for a day, their union says.

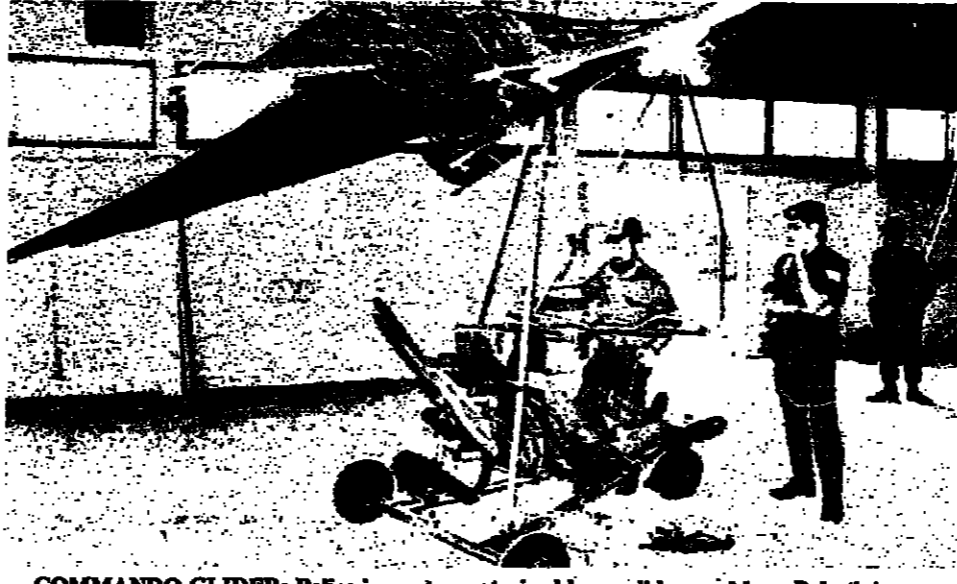
The strike is a direct challenge to Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's plan not to meet their pay demands in her battle against inflation.

Air traffic controllers, port workers, tax collectors, customs officers and court clerks are among government workers who want a 15 per cent on average pay of £5,000 a year. They have rejected a 10 per cent offer. A union spokesman called Monday's action an unprecedented display of unity by the nine civil service unions.

A pause in tax collecting is expected to be the biggest hardship for the government. But tens of thousands of air travelers will be harder hit. On a normal weekday, about 2,500 aircraft use British air space.

The strike comes on the eve of the government's annual budget. Mrs. Thatcher largely blames excessive pay increases for inflation. A civil service union spokesman said: "The reason for this dispute is profound bitterness over the loss of morale among civil servants because of continuing government attempts to make them the scapegoats for Britain's economic ills."

The union says civil service pay has fallen badly behind that of workers in private industry. Pickets may be posted around Buckingham Palace to publicize the unions' case, but palace workers have been exempted from striking by their union, a palace spokesman said.



COMMANDO GLIDER: Police inspect a motorized hang glider used by a Palestinian commando who slipped across the northern Israeli border. The aircraft pilot later landed and was captured by security forces.

In South Lebanon U.S. group starts TV station

BEIRUT, March 8 (Agencies) — A private television station, financed and run by a U.S. Christian group, Sunday began broadcasting from the part of southern Lebanon controlled by Israeli-backed Christian militias.

The Evangelical group, known as "High Adventure," based in California, and already runs a radio station called "the Voice of Home" in the area. It supports the right-wing militias under Maj. Saad Haddad and is strongly anti-Palestinian.

The television station, which all viewers in Lebanon and most in Israel will be able to pick up when comes into full operation in about six weeks, a station spokesman said. Meanwhile it is broadcasting slides and test pictures.

The spokesman said the station would offer a news service and a Western film every evening and children's programs during the day.

Last year the American Evangelist George Otis started the high-power radio station midway between the southern Lebanese village of Marjayoun and the Israeli border settlement of Metullah.

Broadcasts from Marjayoun, even on medium power, can easily cover the whole of Lebanon quite effectively.

Otis, of Van Nuys, California is using his "Radio Outreach" to "bring people to people without government interference."

The "born again" Californian belongs to the so-called "fundamentalist" group of Christians — the Assemblies of God in America, the Elmhurst Church in England and Ireland, the Church of God on both sides of the Atlantic and many others, all of which hold as fundamental to their statement of faith the alleged legitimacy of the Jewish occupation of Palestine as the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.

Many fundamentalist Churches in Europe and the United States take "offerings" at their meetings for "the work" in Israel.

The "Radio Outreach" idea is not new to the Middle East. For many years Radio Voice of the Gospel has broadcast to Africa and the

Mediterranean from Ethiopia. Similarly Trans World Radio, based in Monte Carlo, has dominated the Mediterranean airwaves, with scheduled religious broadcasts.

The transmission, studios, staff and program production at these stations are all financed by contributions from "devout" listeners and from the sale of "Christian" literature in Europe, Asia and the U.S.

In 1965, another Californian and well-known "charismatic" Evangelist, Bobbie Dean Hoskins, applied in Lebanon for permission to operate a radio and television station for the purpose of religious broadcasting.

Following representations from Muslim opposition quarters in the Lebanese parliament, the license was revoked before broadcasts began. Hoskins then reverted to the establishment of a nebulous organization called Middle East Outreach for which he raised large sums of money in the United States by claiming highly exaggerated figures for Muslim conversions to Christianity.

Hoskins' original plans for a religious broadcasting station had the blessing and financial support of the largest fundamentalist church in the United States — the Assemblies of God, which has an extensive media headquarters in Springfield, Missouri.

The Assemblies of God is under the direction and management of Dr. Thomas Zimmerman, an aging preacher known to have strong Zionist sympathies.

The Palestine Liberation Organization knew of Hoskins' and his church's support for Israel and brought this to the notice of the Lebanese authorities.

Hoskins and a number of his followers were forced to leave Beirut in 1974. He now operates a fund-raising operation from offices in Nice, France.

No one should be under any illusion about the aims, in the Middle East, of the so-called fundamentalist, Pentecostal, charismatic, and born-again movements.

Members of their churches throughout the world are totally convinced of the "lawful" Jewish claim to Palestine and their "divine right" to be there.

Lebanon, Iraq sign oil pact

BEIRUT, March 8, (R) — Lebanese Minister Muhammad Youssef Beydoun Sunday he had initiated an agreement allowing Iraq to resume oil exports from the Lebanese port of Tripoli.

Beydoun told reporters on his return from Baghdad, where he held talks this week with Iraqi oil minister Taha Abdul-Karim, that the pumping of oil through the Lebanese branch of the Iraq-Syria pipeline would start three weeks after the agreement was ratified by both sides.

He declined to give details of the agreement and there was no indication of when it would be ratified.

Oil industry sources said the agreement provided for the export of between 10 and 20 million tons (73 and 146 million barrels) of oil annually through Tripoli.

Pumping through the Syrian section of the pipeline from the Iraqi oil center of Kirkuk to the Mediterranean port of Banias resumed late last month after being halted by the Gulf war.

Until then Iraq had been relying on a pipeline across Turkey to send its oil overseas after its main terminals in the Gulf were closed at the start of the war with Iran in September.

The Lebanese branch of the trans-Syria pipeline had been out of use for the past five years. Under the new agreement Lebanon would import about 1.75 million tons of oil annually from Iraq, the sources said, but they gave no details of prices.

Fresh Gulf bid set

BEIRUT, March 8 (R) — A leading Palestinian representative will visit Tehran and Baghdad in the next few days for follow-up talks on Islamic attempts to end the Gulf war, Palestinian sources said.

His trip would precede a new series of visits to Iran and Iraq by an Islamic mediation committee, convened at foreign ministers' level, they said.

A top-level Islamic committee, which included four presidents and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat, announced last week a set of proposals for ending the five-month-old war, but there was a cool response from both sides.

Iranian leaders demanded that Iraq be named the aggressor and punished. President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said a ceasefire should be simultaneous with an Iraqi withdrawal. The committee had proposed March 12 ceasefire followed by a withdrawal.

Iraq said it would not withdraw from Iranian territory until Iran recognized Iraqi "rights," including full sovereignty over the disputed Shatt Al-Arab waterway dividing the two countries.

Saturday night both sides reported an upsurge in fighting. Despite this and the apparent rebuff of the Islamic committee's proposals, the Palestinian sources said they were still optimistic that the mediation effort could produce results.

They said that though Iran and Iraq had rejected the proposals so far, both countries accepted the principle of the mediation attempt.

The Palestinian representative would probably be Hani Al-Hash, political adviser to Arafat and a member of the executive committee of the biggest Palestinian command organization, Fatah. He is also the former Palestinian representative in Tehran.


Mrs. Bhutto arrested

ISLAMABAD, March 8 (Agencies) — Nusrat Bhutto, wife of executed former Pakistani Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was arrested and jailed in the central prison of Karachi in an overnight wave of detentions of political militants, informed sources here said Sunday.

Initial reports indicated that police had arrested about 30 militants of organizations and the banned Pakistan People's Party (PPP), led by Mrs. Bhutto and her daughter Benazir.


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Khalkhali cries treason

TEHRAN, March 8 (R) — Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali, the former head of Iran's revolutionary tribunals, Sunday demanded that President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr be put on trial for his role in violent incidents at a mass rally last Thursday.

Ayatollah Khalkhali, who has ordered several hundred executions since the revolution told the Iranian Majlis (parliament) that Bani-Sadr had violated the constitution by ordering his supporters at the rally to move against hecklers.

"There is no doubt, in my opinion that the president has committed treason against constitutional law and therefore must be tried," he said.

Ayatollah Khalkhali was the first head of the revolutionary tribunal after the Islamic revolution which swept the Shah from power two years ago. He later became chief of the government's anti-narcotics drive, a post from which he resigned last year after ordering several hundred executions.

Khalkhali's demand for a trial was the harshest reaction so far in a growing row over the fray at Tehran University, attended by an estimated 100,000 supporters of the president.

Germans examine market potential

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, March 8 — As a result of a growing balance of trade deficit and increasing competition in the international market, West Germany is working toward a new strategy to shore up its economy, a German industrial official said Sunday.

Dr. Rolf Rodenstock, president of the Federation of German Industries, said West Germany is attempting to reduce oil imports and oil consumption while working to raise export levels as much as possible to deal with the country's present economic difficulties. He was speaking in Jeddah during a visit by a delegation of West German industrialists to discuss commercial prospects for German companies with Saudi Arabian officials and businessmen.

The delegation consists of 24 businessmen who represent the Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI), a federation of 37 industrial associations. The purpose of the visit is to give the delegation an opportunity to study the local market. The group is sponsored by Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, minister of industry and electricity.

Rodenstock said that West German exports produced good results in 1980 with an 11 per cent increase over the previous year. He added that in 1981 there should be an increase of six to seven per cent in German exports. However, he said his country is still working to expand trade, and pointed to West German's achievements in power plants, telecommunications, steel work, coal mining and machine tools. West Germany also can offer a variety of investment and consumer goods as well as technology adapted to a particular country's needs, he added.

Rodenstock however said that West Germany was hit hard primarily by the rising oil import bill, which not only has hurt industrial countries, but reduced considerably the ability of poorer countries to meet their needs. As a result, West Germany has oriented efforts to use more coal, replace oil by coal gas through liquefaction, pursue nuclear efforts, energy conservation, and developing new motor cars with less consumption.

Jeddah airport is step into space age

JEDDAH, March 8 (LAT) — "Saudi Arabia is already in the Western 21st century, not the 20th," said the Kingdom's Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer. "Look around you."

Just 15 miles north of this burgeoning port city, on a flat sandy plain that only a few years ago was disturbed only by random wanderings of camels and goats, the evidence of Saudi Arabia's quantum leap into modern times is impressive.

After five years' time, \$5 billion and an infusion of foreign talent and labor, the Saudis are putting the finishing touches on perhaps the world's most up-to-date and certainly most interesting international airport, due to open in April.

"It is mostly finishing work now, like placing the hundreds of art works we have commissioned for the passenger terminals and selecting the right oriental rugs for the royal pavilion," said Gen. Yousef Amin, the airport's director in charge of three huge international airport projects in the Kingdom.

As he spoke, Amin surveyed the vaulted central reception hall of King Khaled ibn Abdul Aziz Al Saud's personal arrival and departure terminal. Aides there had spread so many multicolored rugs that they all but obscured the cavernous room's plush white wall-to-wall terminal.

The royal terminal is a palatial structure of Greek marble sprawling under a pyramidal copper roof. It was designed by the Japanese-American Architect Minoru Yamasaki.

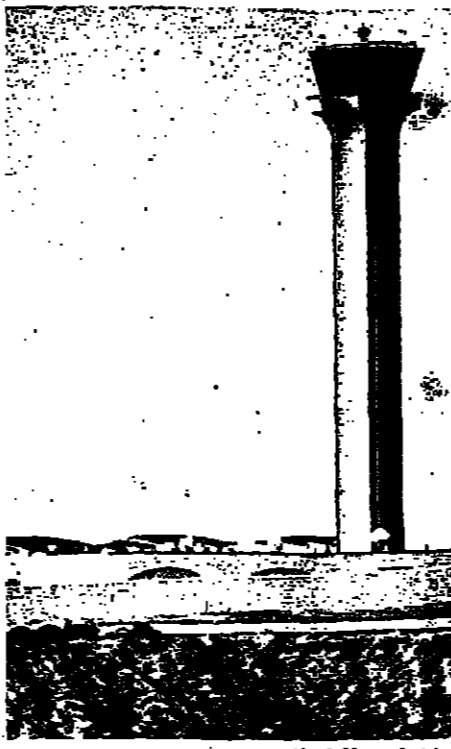
Despite its 12,000-square-yard parade ground and private 246-car garage, the King's air terminal is dwarfed both in size and architectural splendor by three other passenger terminals on the 40-square-mile grounds of King Abdul Aziz International Airport, which was named for King Khaled's father.

The largest, just nearing completion but already a symbol of the Kingdom's bedrock religious mission in the modern Muslim world, is almost one square mile in size.

It is the special Haj terminal, built solely to speed the progress of Muslim pilgrims during the one month each year when they converge on the Arabian peninsula to make the pilgrimage to Islam's holiest shrine in nearby Mecca.

The vast passenger hall is big enough to accommodate 80,000 pilgrims in comfort beneath a ceiling of 210 interlocked tents that Amin proudly calls the world's largest fabric roof. The ceiling is suspended from a forest of 15-story tapered steel poles that thrust into the sky like a fleet of giant space rockets.

The 4.6-million-square-foot Haj terminal complex with 68 airplane parking spaces, is 25 per cent larger than the Pentagon. It was



(Arab News photo) **COMING OF AGE:** The control tower for the new Jeddah International Airport looms in the foreground as a contrast to the horizontal structure of the Haj terminal.

designed by American architects Skidmore, Owings and Merrill without walls — to let the desert winds blow through what otherwise would be an insufferably hot enclosure. But the terminal's 3,200 toilets and other travelers' conveniences are discreetly shielded inside artistically decorated concrete enclosures beneath the futuristic tenting.

Two other terminals, separated by an improbable Kentucky bluegrass mall that is constantly greened by a network of 50 miles of irrigation pipe, complete the airport's passenger facilities.

The south terminal, designed by the American firm of Edward Durell Stone Associates, gleams with 6,500 tons of white Italian marble and looks almost ready for takeoff under a multiple crescent roof. It is for the exclusive use of the national airline, Saudia, which will operate all of its domestic and international flights from the 40 mobile lounge gates of the air-conditioned structure. The north terminal smaller but with the same roofline, will receive only foreign airlines.

Emphasizes woman's role

Girl guide leader pays visit

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 7 — It takes great courage for some one with the name Baden-Powell to admit she was never a brownie or girl guide. But Lady Patience Baden-Powell cheerfully acknowledges this omission from her life and goes on to explain how she is now making up for lost time.

As the grand-daughter-in-law of the late legendary Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, founders of the world-wide boy scout and girl guide movement, the present Lady Baden-Powell is now doing her bit to ensure the family name continues to be linked with the international organization. In her capacity as Chief Commissioner for the United Kingdom, she has just completed a short visit to Saudi Arabia as guest of honor at local guides' and brownies' Thinking Day. This annual event commemorates the birthdays of the founders which co-incidentally fell for each on February 22. Boy scouts hold Founder's Day and girl guides Thinking Day on the most suitable day closest to the birthdays.

On Thinking Day guides think of the principles of the movement and of their fellow members throughout the world. In her 17 years with the movement Lady Baden-Powell has been discovering what has made the family name an international household word. "I suppose I didn't miss being a brownie or guide at the time because I want to a very good boarding school," she said, "but now I'm certainly enjoying finding out what I missed. And I'm sure my grandmother-in-law would be delighted to know how strong the movement remains internationally."

She added that there were boy scout and girl guide associations in some 15 Islamic countries and that the former Lady Baden-Powell would have been "very excited" to know scouts and guides were flourishing in Saudi Arabia. The Chief Commissioner herself felt "very privileged" to come to the Kingdom.

Lady Baden-Powell said she joined the movement after her marriage because it seemed "the right thing to do." She grew to love it. And she likes to think that she has risen to the rank of Chief Commissioner on her own merit. "The Chief Commissioner has to be elected," she explained, "and I stood for the position once before and was defeated. However I was successful the second time around. Thus I like to think that I am Chief Commissioner because I have earned the position rather than because I am a Baden-Powell."

But to have a Baden-Powell at the top does have its advantages, she admits. To be a Baden-Powell gives added impact to the position. For those taking part in Thinking Day it was no doubt more exciting having a direct descendant of the founders as a guest.

Being Chief Commissioner for the United Kingdom means a lot of work and a lot of travel for Lady Baden-Powell. One of the roles she must play is that of link from headquarters to all the various units throughout the world. And because of the number of

The Saudis had to start from scratch in the hostile desert to support what is essentially a self-contained city including 3,000 family housing units, recreational facilities, a 250-acre plant and tree nursery, an enormous cargo terminal and dozens of hangers and other buildings housing the largest in U.S., European and Japanese computer and electronic equipment.

Among other things, 16 desalination units had to be built to convert 12.3 million gallons of nearby Red Sea water into fresh water each day. A six-lane superhighway to Jeddah had to be constructed, an irrigation system had to be developed to use 4.5 million gallons of treated waste water daily to keep alive the airport's peripheral tree line and extensive artificial lawns and gardens.

The entire job, including two parallel two-mile-long runways that can handle any aircraft in any weather condition, required more than 70 contractors from 35 nations and employed an equally varied international labor force that reached more than 11,000 men at its peak early this year, Gen. Yousef Amin said.

But Amin, who also is directing construction of an even larger international airport due to be completed near the capital city of Riyadh in 1983, said that however spectacular the logistic achievement of pulling the vast project together in only five years, he is proudest of the human touches.

Although he declined to put a price tag on the wholesale commissioning of art works for the massive terminals and their associated buildings, Amin said that it reaches every corner of the Muslim world.

"We wanted all the artwork to be done by Muslim artists, so we began a worldwide search for them four years ago," he said. In the process, Amin's talent scouts compiled the first comprehensive catalogue of Islamic artists and commissioned hundreds of traditional and modern sculptures and paintings.

"We also spent four years researching the cultures and traveling habits of the people who will use King Abdul Aziz International, especially the pilgrims," Amin said.

"It is a very serious matter because there are so many national and ethnic groups, so many languages, so many people who have never traveled before, never used modern conveniences. "Yet it is our duty to welcome them and get them to Mecca, so we had to get to know them in order to accommodate such a great variety of people in the Haj terminal," he said.



HOPFUL FUTURE: These handicapped Saudi Arabian children stand a chance to benefit from a new Handicapped Children's Center that is to be built in Riyadh at a cost of SR70 million, which is to be provided by donations. Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, minister of industry and electricity, is sponsoring the project and said the center will accommodate 60 children handicapped by brain damage. In addition, families will be counseled to help them deal with the child's handicap more effectively.

To discuss development Sundqvist meets Prince Saud

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 8 — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal received Finnish Minister of Industry and Trade Ulf Sundqvist Sunday.

The meeting, attended by Finnish Ambassador to the Kingdom Kai Helenius and members of the visiting delegation, reviewed bilateral relations and methods of promoting it.

Earlier in the day, the official Saudi Arabian-Finnish talks began between Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi and Sundqvist. Dr. Algosabi said they discussed promoting the existing cooperation between the two countries in industry and electricity.

Both sides agreed to conduct feasibility studies for establishing joint ventures with Saudi and Finnish capitals. The delegates also discuss the possibility of training Saudi Arabian nationals at the iron and petrochemical industries in Finland. The Ministry of Industry and Electricity is planning to send a group of nationals to train on industry management and operation in Finland, Dr. Algosabi added.

The meeting reviewed the participation of Finnish companies working in the Kingdom and their contribution to the industrialization and development of Saudi Arabia. "We agreed to award a contract for designing and supervision of an electricity project to a Finnish firm," Dr. Algosabi said. A Saudi Arabian mission will go to Finland to visit the electricity corporation there and discuss prospects of promoting cooperation between the firm and the Kingdom, he added.

A Finnish delegation will arrive here in the next few weeks on a visit to the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC). The delegation will hold talks with SABIC officials on possible contribution through joint industrial projects, Dr. Algosabi said.

In addition to meeting Algosabi and other ministers in Riyadh, Sundqvist made an inspection tour of Jubail, Al-Qasim and Abha to see firsthand industrial projects in the Kingdom, the spokesman added.

The Finnish minister arrived here Friday before moving on the Riyadh. According to Eero Harkonen, the Embassy of Finland's commercial counselor, Sundqvist's main purpose for the visit is to enhance bonds between Saudi Arabian and Finnish officials. The minister's visit will help Finland determine what role its industries and services can play in the future of the Kingdom's development, he added.

Earlier, the embassy reported that

cooperative ventures and trade between Finland and the Kingdom has shown an increase recently. Approximately 1,000 managers, engineers and specialists from Finland now work in the Kingdom and 31 Finnish companies have opened local offices.

COMMENT

By Abdul Rahman Saad Al-Samari
Al-Jazirah

It is common knowledge that the ministry of the interior works around the clock to maintain the country's security and stability, and to provide peaceful living conditions for the citizens. We also know that it is capable of dealing with anyone whether a citizen or a resident trying to break the country's rules and regulations. But we see that some natives and residents ignore the ministry's instructions and continue to do so despite sufficient time given to straighten out their affairs.

What is more surprising is the fact that the native himself shows indifference to ministry directives and to the threat that the presence of an illegal resident poses. A serious look at official directives would make clear that they have been issued to protect the natives. Some of us still shelter illegal residents. They even try to help them get employment in the Kingdom. Not only this, some of us bring in aliens and allow them to do business and get a fixed amount at the end of the month.

There are some other categories of citizens who care little for ministry's instructions in regard to an arms' license or identity cards. They possess arms without any license and keep more than one identity card, God knows why? Although any citizen in possession of a weapon can obtain a license without difficulty, and can keep just one identity card and surrender the rest to the nearest department concerned without the fear of any sanctions, they do not do so. If they act with a feeling of responsibility, official circles would appreciate that they had the conscience of responding to official directives. But no one cares.

It will be a folly on the part of those who are led to believe that the ministry will drop the issue and forget everything. Nothing will help violators not even remorse, when they finally are arrested. It is time that such people understand and respect official directives.

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Abdo Yamani reaffirms

Gulf can stand independently

JEDDAH, March 8 (SPA) — The Gulf region and its people must be kept away from international rivalries and alliances in order to remain a zone of peace and stability, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Sunday.

"We reject anybody's mandate and do not believe in pacts and alliances," he added. Yamani said the Western powers must realize that the leaders and the people of the region mean what they say and that they will not permit the stationing of any foreign troops in this area and will refuse any foreign military bases here.

"Although we have good and friendly rela-

tions with many countries, it does not mean that we shall welcome foreign troops and interference in our internal affairs," he added.

He did not pay much attention to the statements made recently by the British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who was quoted as saying Britain is willing to participate in a "fire brigade" operation in the Gulf with the United States by supplying naval ships for patrol purposes.

Yamani said the meeting of Gulf foreign ministers which is to open in Muscat, Oman, Monday indicated the sense of responsibility of the states involved and their willingness

and readiness to continue strengthening their bonds of coordination and cooperation. "This will enable us to talk with one voice and use one language," he said.

The meeting was arranged by the leaders of the six Gulf states which include the Kingdom, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. A council for cooperation was formed to coordinate internal external policies.

A conference of deputy information ministers and other media experts from the six states has been meeting in Muscat to prepare the ground for a meeting of information ministers due to be held there Tuesday and Wednesday.

Oman's Information Minister Abdul Aziz Al Rawas described the cooperation council as the basic vehicle for cooperation in all walks of life — including keeping the region away from foreign intervention and international rivalries.

Meanwhile it was announced that the board of the Arab Gulf chambers of commerce will meet in Dammam Wednesday to discuss its role in light of the cooperation council, the standardization of postal, telegraphic and civil aviation services in the region, the formation of an arbitration committee and other matters.

BRIEFS

Yanbu projects reviewed

YANBU, March 8 (SPA) — All present and future projects in Tabuk and those carried out by the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu came under review here Saturday at a meeting between Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid bin Abdul Aziz and Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer. Sheikh Hisham arrived here in the morning. At noon, he gave a lunch in honor of Prince Abdul Majid to which he also invited Yanbu Governor Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi and other senior officials.

Solaim to visit Tokyo

RIYADH, March 8 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim flies to Tokyo Thursday on a five-day official visit to Japan at the invitation of Roko Suk Tanaka, the minister of international trade and industry. Dr. Solaim will be accompanied by Tewfiq Ibrahim Tewfiq, his undersecretary for supply; Dr. Khaled Al-Khalaf, director general of the Arab Standardization Organization; and other officials from the Ministry of Commerce.

Information meetings resume

MUSCAT, March 8 (SPA) — A committee of information experts from Gulf countries resumed meetings here Saturday and recommended that a Qatari proposal to publish a survey on the area's folkloric heritage be approved.

Race scheduled

RIYADH, March 8 (SPA) — The 18th horse racing event of the season organized by Al-Ferrouseya Club will be held at Al-Malaz race track Monday. Prizes for the five races total SR62,000.

Koran reading seminar

MECCA, March 8 (SPA) — Western Province Education Director Dr. Abdullah Muhammad Al-Zaid opened at the Intercontinental Hotel here Saturday evening the first seminar on the teaching of the Holy Koran to beginners. He was acting on behalf of Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwairat. The seminar is jointly organized by the Saudi government and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO). Prominent Muslim scholars will examine papers by Arab governments on the teaching of the Holy Koran in their respective countries.

Moroccan delegation visits

JEDDAH, March 8 (SPA) — A Moroccan delegation led by Dr. Abdul Karim, professor at Muhammad V university in Rabat left for home Saturday at the conclusion of a two-week visit to Saudi Arabia at the invitation of the Youth Welfare Organization. The delegation was made up of university professors, medical doctors and representatives of the Islamic Solidarity Organization and the Ministry of Youth and Sports. It visited Riyadh, Qasim, Medina and Mecca.

Jazaeri returns from Tunisia visit

RIYADH, March 8 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri returned to Riyadh Sunday from Tunisia after a few days' visit. Dr. Jazaeri held talks with Tunisian officials which covered health cooperation bet-

ween Saudi Arabia and Tunisia and ways of promoting these relations further. The minister was seen off at airport by his Tunisian counterpart, Rashid Safar, and the Kingdom's ambassador there, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Umran.



VISIT: Saudi Telephone's "out of Country" Training program, in its third year, will send more than 100 managers to Canada for advanced telecommunications courses. The group includes Misfer Dabiel Al Ja'ed, Taif; Ali Muhammad Boken, Taif; Adnan Ibrahim Farhat, Taif; Bader Abdul Al Srwayyegh, Al Hassa; Ibrahim Saleh Al Mehanna, Hail; Abdurahman Ibrahim Al Saied, Qassim; Mased Ali Al Zahran, Central; Muhammad Omar Al Farraj, Central; Abdullah Al Hafiz, Central; Abdurahman Al Mashari, Riyadh; Ahmed Fahed Al Khayyal, Al Hassa; and Talaq Ryiedh Al Qahtani, general administration.

Telephone managers head to Canada

RIYADH, March 8 — Twelve of Saudi Telephone's most promising managers have recently completed an orientation course designed to prepare them for their imminent tour of communications facilities overseas.

The dozen managers will be sent on a four-week study course of Bell Canada operations, as part of Saudi Telephone's comprehensive program to train managers with high potential, the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones reported.

These Saudi Telephone managers, from all parts of the Kingdom, will be united overseas in their commitment to the modernization of the Kingdom's telecommunications system. Their training program in Canada includes conferences, study sessions, work in the field, and management of Bell Canada offices, according to the PTT Ministry.

Committee studies Dhahran airport

DHAHRAN, March 8 (SPA) — The Civil Aviation Department formed a committee that will study the needs of Dhahran International Airport, officials reported Sunday. The committee intends to improve the airport by constructing additional facilities.

Sami Magboul, acting director of Dhahran airport, said an eastern runway for the airport is already under construction. Landing safety equipment also was installed. The device is required aviation safety equipment, and other airports in the Kingdom have it, Magboul added.

The Dhahran Airport Directorate is undergoing a study to build new departure and arrival lounges for internal flights. The proposed building will be adjacent to the international arrival and departure lounges, Magboul said.

In the next four months, work on the air freight facilities will be completed, he said. The basic facilities, including hangers for foreign airlines, have already been finished, he added.

In another development, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan earlier delegated most of his administrative and financial powers to his aides Sheikh Kamel Sindi, assistant defense minister of civil aviation affairs, and Sheikh Othman Al-Humeid, responsible for military affairs.

Mayor inaugurates Al-Sawani, newest departmental store

By Javid Hassan

JEDDAH, March 8 — Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi Saturday inaugurated Al Sawani departmental store, claimed to be the biggest of its kind in the city. He was shown around the seven-floor shopping complex by Sheikh Ali Hafiz, Osman Hafiz Mahboud O. Hafiz, general manager of Al Sawani and Abdulkader O. Hafiz assistant general manager.

The mayor, who toured all the sections of the 4,500 sq. meter departmental store, evinced keen interest in the items of grocery, household utensils, electrical appliances and children's garments, women's wear, lingerie, shoes, watches TV sets and a host of other items.

The mayor also showed interest in the china crystal section on the third floor housing, among other things, bone china dinner set, copper cups, ceramic containers for cookies and bamboo trays. A cute ceramic and hard plastic toothpick holder (price SR 15) looked alluring.

Explaining the features of the departmental store, Mahmoud O. Hafiz said Al Sawani enjoyed a leverage with its convenient location and 10,000 sq. meters of parking space.



OPENING: Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi cuts the ribbon Saturday at the stairs leading to the seven-floor department store, Al-Sawani. Seen from right are Osman Ali Hafiz, Sheikh Ali Hafiz, Mahmoud O. Hafiz, Mayor Farsi and Abdul Khader O. Hafiz.

The total value of goods stocked in Al Sawani is estimated at SR 25 million, according to the general manager. A cafeteria, which will come up in a month's time on the seventh floor, has a dome with a 12-meter radius.

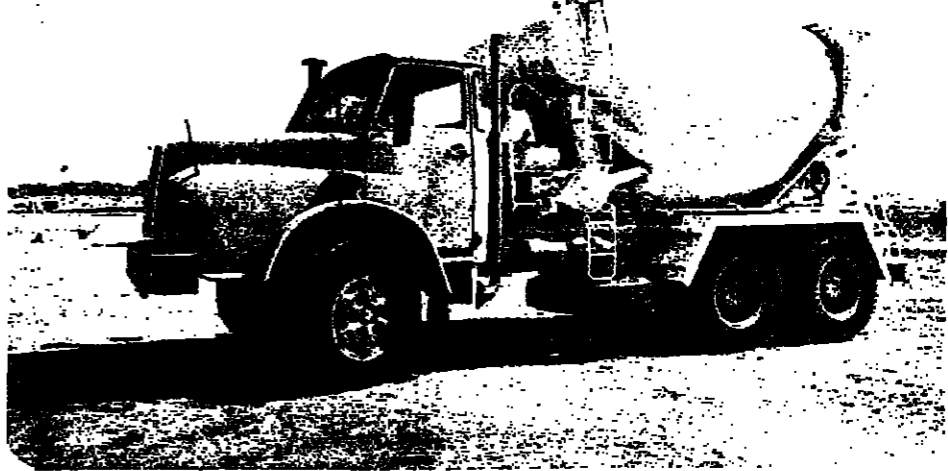
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Mutual help in crisis

South Yemen-Ethiopia agreement reported

BEIRUT, March 8 (AP) — The governments of South Yemen and Ethiopia, which command the strategic Bab El-Mandeb Straits at the mouth of the Red Sea, have signed a pact calling for military intervention in the event of a threat to either regime, a

Sabah cabinet sworn in

KUWAIT, March 8 (AP) — Kuwait's newly-formed cabinet was sworn in Saturday before Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the minister of state for cabinet affairs announced.

Minister Abdul-Aziz Hussein said the 16-member cabinet which was formed March 4 also held a preparatory session for the opening of the country's newly-elected 50-member national assembly (parliament) scheduled for Monday.

Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, who formed the cabinet, welcomed the cabinet members and "stressed the importance of cooperation between executive and legislature" as represented by the new national assembly, Hussein said.

U.S. guarantee on borders

Turkey terms Greek plea illogical

ANKARA, March 8 (R) — Turkey has described as illogical Greek suggestions that the United States guarantee the security of Greece's borders in the Aegean. A foreign ministry statement Saturday said: "It is quite illogical for one of two members of an alliance to ask for guarantees against the other from a third alliance member."

Both countries, though historic enemies, are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis told reporters in Athens Friday his country was seeking guarantees of its Aegean borders by the U.S. as part of discussions on a new agreement covering American bases in Greece.

Sadat rules out talks before June

CAIRO, March 8 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has ruled out new negotiations on Palestinian autonomy before Israeli elections June 30 but said he welcomed any EEC initiative on the Middle East problem.

The talks with Israel and the United States were due for completion in May 1980. But disputes over Israel's formal annexation of East Jerusalem and the amount of autonomy to be given to Gaza Strip and West Bank Palestinians have held up progress.

Sadat said negotiations would resume after the Israeli elections, which would also give

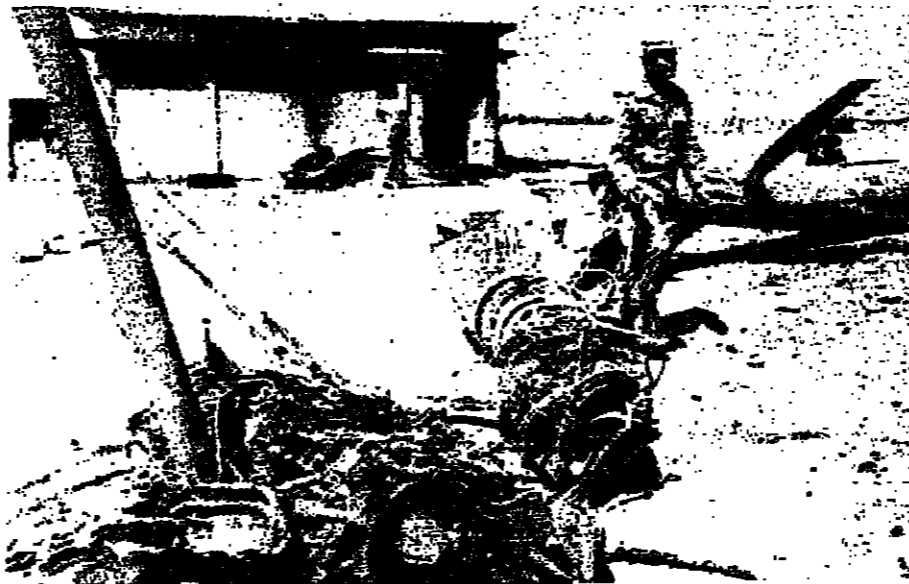
pro-Libyan magazine reports.

South Yemen have long-term friendship treaties with the Soviet Union, and they concluded a bilateral friendship treaty in 1979.

Al-Maoukif Al-Arabi, (The Arab Stand), a weekly magazine, said South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad and Ethiopian leader Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam "signed a number of agreements with highly significant political, military and security implications" during the South Yemeni leader's visit to Addis Ababa last month.

The magazine said in the military pact "each of the two countries pledged to intervene militarily in the other in the event of danger to the existing regimes." It also calls for "military integration" in the sense that naval and ground forces will be shared in event of either country's need, the magazine said.

Al-Maoukif Al-Arabi said the military pact was "a direct response to the growing American military presence in Somalia and Oman, and a direct reply to attempts at isolating South Yemen."



AMIDST WRECKAGE: An Egyptian officer walks around the wreckage of the helicopter which crashed recently killing the Egyptian Defense Minister Ahmad Badawi and 13 other top army officers. Badawi and the officers were on a tour of the western military installations.

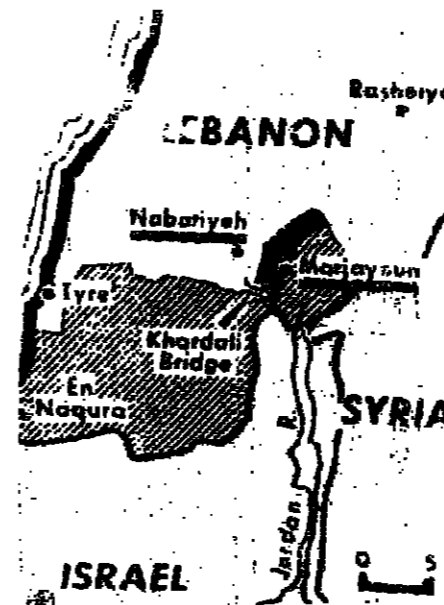
Israeli encroachments separate Naqura from south Lebanon

NAQURA, Southern Lebanon, March 8 (AFP) — This frontier town, where the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has its headquarters, is slowly but surely being separated from the country itself by the encroaching Israeli neighbor.

After Israel invaded southern Lebanon in 1978, it gave an 800 square-kms frontier strip here to the Lebanese conservative force commanded by Maj. Saad Haddad — a force at odds with the Beirut government as well as a foe of the Arab cause. To the extent that the Israelis have full freedom of movement in the strip, the land from Naqura up to Marjayoun 60 kms to the north-east has come to be a de facto annex slice of Israel.

At the same, between here and the seaport of Tyre to the west, Maj. Haddad's men have been continually nibbling into Lebanese territory proper to widen the zone in their control. They have a checkpoint on the coast road at Ras Al-Bayada, a mere 12 kms from Tyre itself, and have lately moved up a second mobile checkpoint five kms nearer, just a few short steps away from the Dutch-manned UNIFIL checkpoint.

The main checkpoint is manned by an Israeli official whose uniform bears no identifying insignia, while members of Maj. Haddad's force cover travelers crossing to and from Israel with their guns. The official demarcation line is just a short distance away and considerably easier to slip across. Most of the international civil servants at UNIFIL headquarters are billeted at Nahariyyah, a quarter of an hour's ride from here on the Israeli side of the frontier. Similarly, the H.O. gets its supplies from across the way, judging by an Israeli tradesman's van that this corres-



pondent observed here Thursday. Thursday saw the withdrawal of the 6th French contingent after its tour of UNIFIL duty here. Curiously enough, the Israeli army was represented at the farewell ceremony by a colonel, a captain, and a lieutenant — all three in uniform, and consequently in open violation of elementary international protocol.

On the other hand, the army of the "host" country, Lebanon, was not represented at the ceremony, though an invitation was sent. The excuse was that the visitors would have to risk crossing the territory held by Maj. Haddad's rebels — short of overflying it in a U.N. helicopter, a solution that was apparently deemed unrealistic.

The prospect of crossing the zone was all the less inviting since the army owes the Haddad force many months of back pay, a claim the rebels have been drawing attention in recent days by shelling the port of Sidon. Watching Thursday's March past of the 700 departing French paratroopers and their light armoured vehicles, a member of another foreign contingent in UNIFIL remarked: "What the hell are we doing here if we're not even capable of getting the Lebanese in to see the show?"

Zia wants scholars' views implemented

ISLAMABAD, March 8 (AFP) — President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq has suggested setting up an agency for implementation of proposals of Muslim scholars for future development and progress of the Islamic world.

Inaugurating the international conference on "Contribution of Islam to Culture and Civilization of mankind," Zia said a large number of important proposals have come up during recent conferences held in the Islamic countries, in connection with the 15th century Hijra celebrations. The conference is being attended by over 200 scholars from 35 Muslim countries.

He suggested that a permanent agency should be set up which should prepare an action plan based on the thoughts and proposals put forward on different occasions, and implement them. The president said, on the basis of spiritual and moral values, "the Islamic world should concentrate on material progress which was not an impossible task since "God almighty has bestowed these nations with so many minerals, agricultural, human and other resources," that if Muslims as "individuals of a single brotherhood" work together, there is no reason why in the present century, they should not be able to reach their goal.

BRIEFS

DAMASCUS, (AFP) — Libyan envoy Mustapha Kharubi arrived here Saturday night to continue talks on the political merger that was proclaimed by Libya and Syria six months ago but remains un consummated. Maj. Kharubi was quoted by Syrian newspapers Sunday as reaffirming Libya's "determination to bring about a union that will satisfy both countries."

ROME, (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir had a private lunch with Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo Saturday, an Israeli embassy spokesman said. He did not have details of what the two ministers discussed.

ANTANANARIVO, (AFP) — President Didier Ratsiraka's Malagasy Front for the Defense of the Revolution and Algeria's ruling National Liberation Front signed a cooperation agreement here Saturday. The Algerian delegation, which had arrived in Madagascar Tuesday, then left for the Seychelles.

Stick wielding groups pose problem in Iran

By Ian Mather

TEHRAN, March 8 (ONS) — An epidemic of "stick wielding" is disturbing Iran's revolutionary leaders. The "stick wielders" are groups of youths who walk into political meetings with wooden clubs, beat up the speakers and smash their cars.

The attacks have grown so common in recent weeks that hardly a day goes by without the newspapers referring to them and condemning them. The most recent victim was Ayatollah Hassan Lahouti, a member of the Majlis (parliament) and one of the few Muslim clergymen who support President Bani-Sadr and the so-called moderates. Lahouti was addressing a gathering in a mosque in the northern Iranian city of Rasht when the "stick wielders" arrived, beat up the Ayatollah and his wife, held them prisoner for several hours and smashed their car.

The attack outraged Bani-Sadr supporters who claimed the government and the police knew the culprits but were not prepared to act against them because the fundamentalist Islamic Republic Party, which controls most of the organs of state, was envious of the vast crowds which regularly flock to meetings of Bani-Sadr supporters.

The anger of the Bani-Sadr group was intensified by the fact that Lahouti's revolutionary credentials are impeccable. He was imprisoned for many years by the Shah's administration and tortured. He is now in hospital for check-ups.

The Rasht incident was not an isolated one. Lahouti was also attacked in the nearby town of Kuchefahan. In other towns, "stick wielders" have burnt libraries, dragged sick people from hospital, desecrated mosques and attacked "liberal" members of the Majlis.

Behind the attacks lies the increasing polarisation of Iranian politics. The presence of the American hostages and the war with Iraq served to unite the country in the face of external enemies. Now that the hostages have gone and the war is stalemated, the internal dissent has intensified.

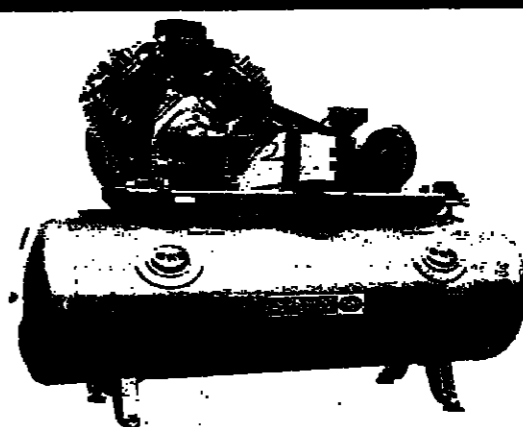
The Islamic Republic Party, headed by Ayatollah Beheshti, chairman of the supreme court of justice, has a firm grip on parliament through the speaker, who is a party member and by having the biggest single block of members. It also controls the cabinet and the administration, except for the ministries of foreign affairs, commerce and finance, which are run by Bani-Sadr supporters. The IRP also controls the Islamic courts.

Bani-Sadr's power centers on the armed forces, of which he is commander-in-chief, and on the streets. His popularity derives from his swashbuckling appearances near the front, where he spends most of his time. His newspaper, *Islamic Revolution*, shows pictures of him riding a motor-cycle and braving enemy shells. The two main factions are now stepping up their campaigns. IRP speakers have begun to advertise their meetings to try to draw the crowds.

In a statement condemning the "stick wielders", the president's office recently demanded to know what action the government was taking to protect speakers. Ayatollah Khomeini's son, Ahmed, in a long letter to the Majlis, called for an end to the extremist-inspired violence, saying Islam was in danger and that "tomorrow it will be too late."

Finally, Monday, Khomeini himself lashed out at the "stick wielders". Addressing a crowd from the roof of his home in north Tehran, he called on the police and revolutionary guards to clamp down on the trouble-makers.

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Minister says

Bonn will go ahead with arms programs

BONN, March 8 (Agencies) — Defense Minister Hans Apel has said West Germany will move ahead with its major weapons programs in the next few years but will also be forced to delay several projects planned for the next decade due to tight budgets.

Apel said Saturday no cuts are envisioned in the \$41.3 billion budget set for 1981. The military lacks, however, an additional \$1 billion over the next three years that still must be found to fund the military's major modern-

ization programs, he said.

The programs set until 1984 call for the addition of 1,800 Leopard tanks, 322 Tornado fighter jets and six frigates. Although eight frigates had been planned at first, the production of two will be delayed until 1987, Apel said.

Speculation had risen recently that Apel might be forced to make cuts due to serious cost overruns in the production of the swing-wing Tornado fighter jet, jointly built by the British, Italians and West Germans.

At a press conference announcing the results of a three-day closed-door session on defense planning, Apel also said West Germany has decided in principle to help for new supply and weapons depots for 80,000 to 90,000 U.S. support troops flown to its NATO ally in an emergency.

Apel said discussions about the depot funding began under the Carter administration but the details of the program have not yet been worked out. He said discussions will continue when Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher travels to Washington Sunday to meet with Reagan officials and when he himself visits the United States at the end of the month.

Meanwhile, Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev has sent a letter to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, government sources in Bonn said Saturday. The letter was received Saturday and its contents were under study, the sources said.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said it was believed that the letter either dealt with the arms limitation proposals put forth by Brezhnev during the recent Communist Party congress in Moscow or Genscher's visit to Washington.

Schmidt said Saturday the planned deployment of American medium-range strategic missiles in western Europe "can still be avoided". But he also cautioned in an interview on West German Radio that the Soviet Union had taken such a lead that negotiations on halting rearmament would certainly not be easy.

"The imbalance in this area has always deeply concerned us because the Soviet missiles pointed at Europe constitute a means of political pressure on the (west European) people and governments," Schmidt added.

In Paris, former U.S. President Gerald Ford predicted Saturday the eventual resumption of the American-Soviet dialogue by the new Washington administration even if differences between the two sides persist. Ford flew into Paris from Ireland on the second stage of a 28-day world tour during which he will deliver a number of personal messages to heads of government or state from President Ronald Reagan.

The former president used a brief airport press conference here to suggest the possibility of a more conciliatory Washington stance toward Moscow "at an appropriate time," even if it was necessary to "rebuild our military capabilities."

Soviet envoy expelled

MADRID, March 8 (AFP) — A Soviet diplomat was expelled from Spain Saturday, reportedly for having used illegal methods to obtain information about Spanish political figures and parties, well-informed sources here reported.

The sources said that Uladimir Ilich Eremencov, a Soviet embassy attaché, was helped by a journalist with the Soviet news agency Novosti, Goldviatenko, who was speedily called back to Moscow a few weeks ago when his superiors learned that the team's activities had been uncovered.

Colombian guerrillas kill linguist

BOGOTA, March 8 (AP) — Chester Allen Bitterman, 28-year-old American linguist, has been shot dead by the guerrillas who kidnapped him six weeks ago and his body was found in a stolen bus in southern Bogota, police said.

An institute official confirmed the death of Bitterman, who worked for the Summer Institute of Linguistics as a translator of the Bible into Colombian Indian dialects. Members of the M-19 guerrilla movement in Bogota on Jan. 19 kidnapped Bitterman, accused him of being a CIA spy and demanded the institute be closed.

Police said Bitterman's body was found Saturday in the bus after an unidentified woman caller telephoned radio stations, newspapers and the police saying that Bitterman had been "executed" and that his body could be found inside a bus in southern Bogota, the Colombian capital.

Police said it appeared that Bitterman had been killed inside the bus by shots fired by his kidnappers and in front of the vehicle's driver, who was bound and gagged, an M-19 flag was found near the bus, police said. There were conflicting radio reports quoting police sources saying that three men on the bus fled when police approached it.

Bitterman was shot once in the heart and his body remained in a sitting position in the front of the bus, an institute source was quoted as telling Radio Caracol. Bitterman was married and the father of two daughters.

The April 19 movement guerrillas who executed Bitterman started off 10 years ago with Robin Hood type operations of robbing from the rich and giving to the poor. And no one got hurt.

Manila troops capture Muslim stronghold

MANILA, March 8 (AP) — Army troops have captured a Muslim stronghold and inflicted heavy casualties among Muslims in five days of fighting in southern Philippines, published reports said Saturday.

Scene of the battle was the remote southern island of Pata where 119 army officers and men were killed last month in the biggest ambush of the eight-year-old southern fighting for Muslim self-rule.

Military sources in Zamboanga city, headquarters of the southern command, said the military operation against an estimated 300 Muslims fighting for self-rule in Pata, 610 miles south of Manila, continued but its results were not disclosed.

Child surgery fails in U.S. but mother still satisfied

DALLAS, Texas, March 8 (AP) — Doctors knew the chances were not good in amputating a two-year-old girl's crippled foot and using it to create a hand for her. And even though it failed, her mother is glad that the attempt was made.

Desiree Shiplett was born without hands. Her left leg was bowed and the left foot twisted backward. Doctors at Scottish Rite Hospital for crippled children here recommended amputating the foot and fitting Desiree with a prosthesis.

But her mother, Pam Shiplett, 22, suggested what she called an "impossible dream" — why couldn't doctors take part of her daughter's foot and create a hand for

her?

After six months of research, planning and consultation by surgeons, the operation — first of its kind — was performed Tuesday. But just two days later, the new hand had to be removed after tiny blood vessels clogged, blocking the blood flow. Both doctors and parents said they would do it all again.

"It broke the doctors' hearts as bad as it did ours," said Mrs. Shiplett. "I don't think there are very many people in this world that would put in that kind of effort and love for a child. To think they cared enough to try is more than enough." Desiree learned to crawl on her own but soon became frustrated when she tried to walk.

"The leg was very short and the foot was tucked up underneath, making it virtually unusable," said Dr. Tony Herring, chief of staff at Scottish Rite.

"I got to thinking, why let them chop the foot off and not do anything with it?" Mrs. Shiplett said. "I had heard that they had taken the big toes and made new thumbs for people. I wondered if they couldn't take the toes and make some fingers for Desiree."

Instead of just transplanting the toes, doctors decided to take the lower part of the foot and attach it to Desiree's right wrist. After surgery, the physicians were optimistic and pleased. In the recovery room, Desiree awakened and within minutes began to move the "thumb" of her new

hand.

But by late Wednesday the new hand began to turn blue. Doctors performed emergency surgery to improve blood flow, but by Thursday it was evident it would have to be removed.

Dr. Hamlet Newsom said the doctors would not hesitate to try the operation again in the same circumstances. "No prosthesis is as good as a sensitive, moving part," he said. Desiree will be fitted with an artificial foot in about two months and, after therapy, she should be walking and running.

"I hope someday she can understand what these people tried to do for her. I want her to understand the love and compassion they showed in trying."



VIENNA DEMONSTRATION: Youths staged an unruly demonstration in downtown Vienna March 1. Police arrested nearly 100 persons, including some West Germans. Police are seen here marching one of the arrested off.

Discontented with life Youths march through Vienna

VIENNA, March 8 (R) — Some 1,000 youths marched through Vienna Saturday saying they were discontented with life in the sedate city. Police were out in force, following a surprise youth disturbance a few days ago when more than 90 persons were arrested.

Saturday's March was announced in advance by youth groups and passed without incident. The demonstrators distributed leaflets that said: "This town stinks, we want everything."

Demands included housing reform, free public transport, the establishment of a youth center in the city, disarmament and an end to U.S. and Soviet imperialism. The demonstrators called on the authorities to drop all charges against those arrested last week and to allow the return to Vienna of three West Germans, who were deported from Austria after the disturbances.

In an unrelated development, thousands of West German youths took to the streets Saturday in several cities to protest housing problems and the arrests of other demon-

strators. Police reported that between 1,500 and 2,000 persons demonstrated in the Nuremberg city center Saturday afternoon.

The protesters were angered that 141 persons had been arrested following violent street protests Friday in which dozens of bank, store and car windows had been shattered after a housing demonstration got out of hand.

Officials said the Saturday demonstration was primarily peaceful and no arrests were made, even though several youths pelted police with plastic bags filled with paint. Police in West Berlin reported that as of Saturday, 109 houses had been taken over by squatters in the western sector of the divided city.

In the black forest university town of Freiburg, police said several thousand youths marched through the city center Saturday. Fearful of more violent demonstrations similar to those that have rocked the city over the past two days, shop owners did not open for their normal Saturday hours and many boarded up their windows, officials said.

Peru, Ecuador troops separated on frontier

LIMA, March 8 (R) — The conflict between Peru and Ecuador has shifted to the diplomatic front after an effective separation of troops on their disputed frontier in the jungle-covered Condor mountains. The positioning of troops on opposite sides of the mountains, 250 kms from the Pacific coast, lifted the immediate threat of renewed incidents, diplomatic sources said.

But the sources said Saturday the two countries were no nearer reaching agreement on the dispute than before the first outbreak of fighting at the end of January. There were further clashes in mid-February amid accusations from each side that the other had violated a tentative ceasefire.

The ceasefire, originally arranged through the mediation of Chile, Argentina, the United States and Brazil, was formally agreed and the separation of forces assured in a week of talks between Peruvian and Ecuadorian military delegations. The negotiations culminated Saturday in an

exchange of notes in which each side stated its case on the dispute.

A copy of each document was also handed to the mediating nations in their capacity as guarantors of the 1942 Protocol of Rio de Janeiro which defined the frontier. Commenting on the talks, the head of the Peruvian delegation, Vice Adm. Jorg du Bois, said the most important achievement was the effective separation of troops.

"Our obligation is clear — not to leave the eastern side of the Condor mountains and not to confront the Ecuadorian troops who are on the western side," he told reporters Saturday night. But he added: "We (the delegations) did not enter into the heart of the problem considered at other levels."

The conflict, which dates back to the countries' formation as independent nations 150 years ago, has been kept alive by Ecuador's persistent claim to an area of the upper Amazon.

Wildlife convention in India restricts trade in parrots

NEW DELHI, March 8 (AP) — An international wildlife convention here has crushed U.S. opposition to a move to impose restrictions on commercial trade on most parrot breeds. A spokesman told a reporter that an ongoing meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Saturday voted 32-4 for a British proposal to either ban or restrict worldwide trade in about 350 parrot species.

An alternative U.S. proposal to place bars on the trade of only 13 parrot species was defeated. The American delegation opposed the British move with support from Switzerland, Chile and Argentina.

Three species which, however, will not be covered by the CITES decision are the Indian roosting parakeet, the budgerigar and the cockatiel, which spokesman Jant Barber described as "exceedingly common." These three species are mostly used as household pets.

CITES, which was launched in 1973 in Washington, is a convention of 67 governments which agree on the need to preserve wildlife.

It seeks to harmonize the needs of commercial wildlife trade in skins, furs and oil with the demands of conservation so that entire species are not wiped out.

The New Delhi conference, which began Feb. 25, is studying flora and fauna species which should be listed as endangered. The

meeting concludes Sunday.

The convention overcame Soviet and Japanese opposition Friday to ban the slaughter of three whale species, the sperm, sei and fin.

However, Russia and Japan, the world's major whaling nations, are not bound by the decision since they voted against it.

Elephant runs amok in Bangkok suburbs

BANGKOK, March 8 (AFP) — Khamsaeng, a visitor to Bangkok, had a smashing time Saturday in the Thai capital. He left a 500-meter trail of destruction in the suburbs that was littered with broken cement walls, buckled gates, shattered jars and one crumpled roof. For Khamsaeng weighs several tons. He is a 40-year-old bull elephant.

Khamsaeng — the name means "golden light" — was trucked into Bangkok a week ago from the northern province of Surin. His owner-mahout, Parn Sungma, brought him to town to make a little money. The superstition in Thailand is that walking under the belly of an elephant brings good luck. Parn was charging a small fee for the chance to prove it.

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U.S. think-tank calls for more nuclear muscle

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON — The Washington think-tank to which President Reagan listens most closely has urged him to seek urgent NATO support for theater nuclear force modernization, and "unified opposition" to the proposed Soviet natural gas pipeline across Europe. The report, from Washington's Heritage Foundation, was published here on the eve of a visit to the Reagan White House by the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, the first NATO leader to visit the president since his election.

The Heritage report, written by the foundation's NATO specialist and policy analyst, Jeffrey Barlow, also urges a West German naval presence in the northern seas. It suggests that Reagan should "show his leadership ability" by playing down the differences between the U.S. and NATO allies on such issues as SALT II and the Camp David accords.

"The first months of each new presidential administration are crucial to the way in which the relationship between the United States and its European allies functions during the following four or eight years," says the report. "It is a crucial period of weeks when these states search avidly for signs that the new American leader possesses a direction of purpose and a clear understanding of his international responsibilities."

Heritage is a right-wing but independent think-tank which prepared a "Memo to the president" on his election, many of whose suggestions on foreign and domestic policy he has already adopted in principle. He himself has acknowledged that he reads Heritage reports with close attention. Barlow goes on to outline several issues which the new administration should seek European cooperation — issues "on which NATO's continued vitality is contingent."

One: "The Reagan administration should impress on the West Germans the need for their Bundesmarine (navy) to undertake the patrolling mission in both the Norwegian Sea-Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom gap area, and to a lesser extent, in the North Atlantic, in order to relieve the pressure on units of the U.S. Second Fleet which may have to be diverted to the South Atlantic or the Mediterranean for particular operations."

"This change in German naval responsibilities would necessitate a major change in German thinking."

Two: Reagan should move immediately to reaffirm U.S. support for the December 1979 NATO decision on modernizing its theater nuclear forces. "It should be remembered that the NATO TNF decision was hard-won, having required intense persuasion from the Carter administration. While the new administration has been settling in, certain constituencies in Western Europe have taken the opportunity to lobby against the implementation of the program."

Three: Reagan should use his political influence with the Western Europeans and particularly the West Germans to turn down the Soviet Yamal peninsula natural gas pipeline deal.

"This project has been of major interest to Soviet energy planners for at least five years. It would involve the building of a 3,600-mile natural gas pipeline from the Yamal peninsula (north of the Arctic Circle) in Siberia through Czechoslovakia and into West Germany."

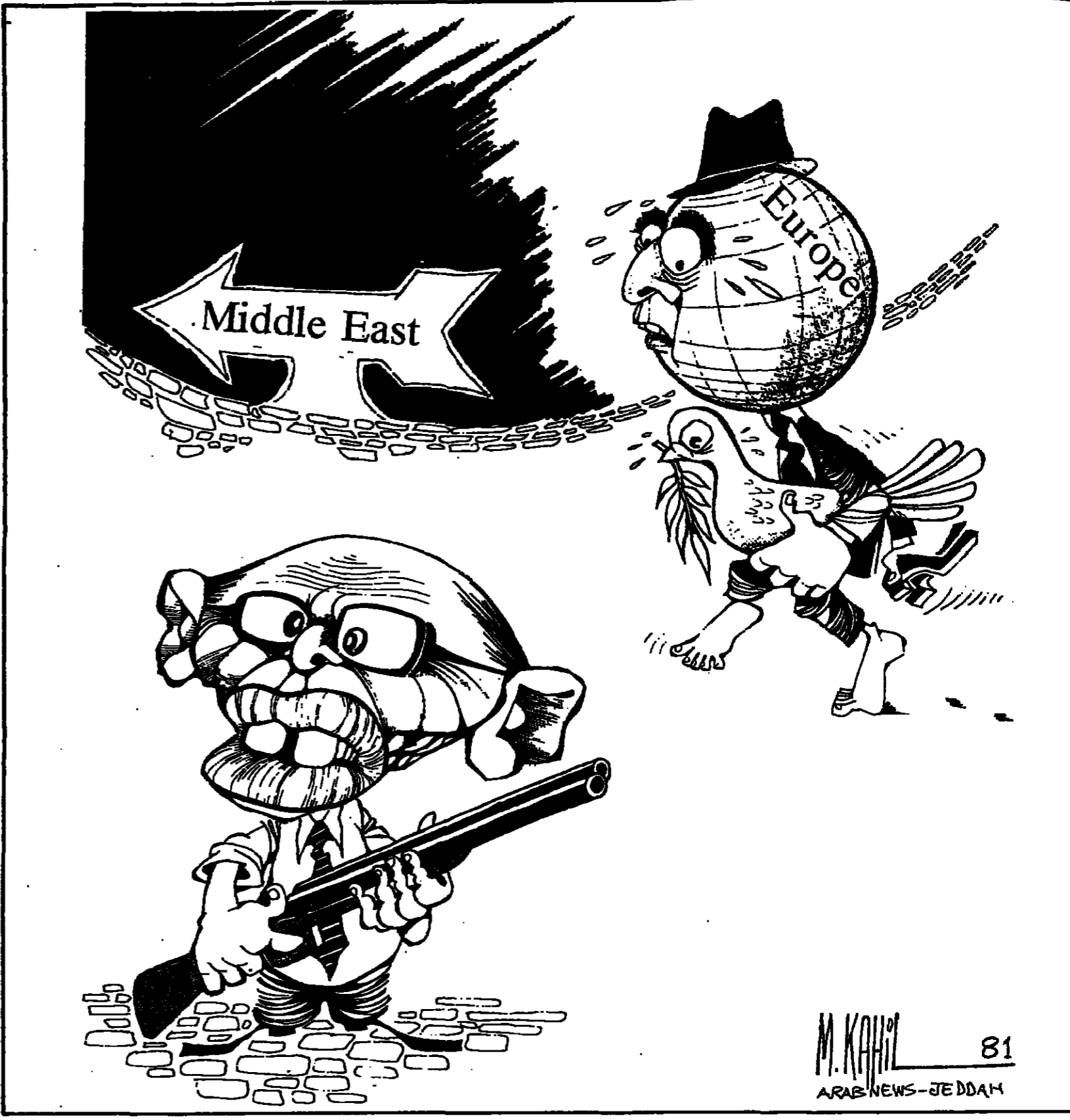
Barlow says construction of the pipeline would enable the Soviets to exploit natural gas fields now beyond their technological capability, guaranteeing a new energy source at a time of dwindling supplies, and would greatly increase Western Europe's dependence on Eastern bloc energy supplies.

Four: The report urges strong concerted sanctions against the Soviet Union in the event of an invasion of Poland. Although U.S. and NATO goals converge in many areas, says Barlow, "the new administration should realize at the outset that it cannot afford to push with equal force for European acceptance of the American position on every issue."

On SALT II, the report argues that allied leaders are worried that "without some new, concrete manifestation of the SALT process, such as American ratification of the SALT II Treaty, U.S.-Soviet cooperation will be imperilled and with it the entire framework of detente in Europe."

As for the Middle East, "they see Camp David as a dead end and would like the U.S. to pressure Israel into meeting what they regard as legitimate Arab demands."

The report appears to add flesh to the bones of Reagan's already known thinking on these issues. But Barlow concludes with a stern warning to the president: "Differences will often exist in American and European perceptions of particular international events. Accordingly the United States should keep from exaggerating these differences in its private discussions with its allies and in its public pronouncements, and thereby increasing the scope for allied antagonism. Such situations are ready-made for Soviet meddling."



Survival remains on knife edge in Kampuchea

(Editor's Note: The writer is director general of OXFAM.)

By Brian Walker

PHNOM PENH — Pochentong airport, Phnom Penh, is having a facelift. Rickety bamboo scaffolding crawls up the facade of the control tower, providing dubious footholds for the decorators. Each length is lashed to the next with copper wire. The wire has been unwound laboriously from those symbols of Western technology — electric motors and generators — destroyed by the fanatic, Pol Pot. Throughout the country a heroic effort is underway to reestablish some semblance of normality. A lick of paint helps the illusion; an illusion it is, for so much remains to be done in binding the wounds of this broken society. But, the ground-swell is unmistakable.

Two thousand odd trucks, given by the West and fuelled by Russian oil, provide the crucial lifeline for moving food and supplies around the country. They have been kept on the road by a mere five motor mechanics, a gang of 55 laborers and the natural mechanical skills of the drivers. A prodigious achievement; and, given the appalling state of the roads and bridges, a well-highly incredible one. Across the world, in Uganda, the mighty strength of the U.N. operating within a similar mercy mission, has failed to keep more than five of its 38 trucks on the road. Of the 193 trucks given by Blue Peter children and others, to Kampuchea, 187 are still fully operational.

Often it is the trivial which holds things back. One hydraulic maintenance bay brought back to working order remains defunct for want of 20 feet of hose coupling. This is a country in which it is impossible to find 20 feet of hose coupling.

In Asia food is rice. Last June I saw donated rice seed being distributed to thousands of peasant farmers in the heavily-populated province of Takeo. This time I saw surplus grain, harvested from those seeds, being purchased by the government grain supplies, for safe storage. During the lean months of October and November it will be re-distributed to the people. Gone were the emaciated children and skeletal men and women who, in 1979, stared the conscience of the world. Many continue to live too close to the edge for comfort — but normality is creeping back.

On the strength of this, donor agencies are cutting back their food aid. The Russians will contribute 90,000 tons of food grains against last year's 164,000 tons; the U.N. aims to contribute 75,000 tons, if funds are pledged by donor governments, against 400,000 tons in 1980; the Red Cross has decided to withdraw most of its team by mid-summer. Whilst official population figures are given as 5½ million, most aid agencies assume now that 6½ million people actually survived the Pol Pot holocaust. The high commissioner for refugees estimates that 360,000 refugees have returned to Kampuchea from the camps in Thailand. At the end of the day, therefore, Kampuchea expects to be short of 200,000 tons of food during 1981.

Survival remains on a knife edge. According to the highly competent Minister of Agriculture, Kom Somol, the basics are frighteningly fragile. Despite all the aid delivered last year by the agencies, draught animals to pull the ploughs, irrigation pumps to distribute the water, steel tips to fit on the plough shares, hoses to till the ground, rice seed, particularly special categories, like the floating rice OXFAM is supplying and which will grow in 15 feet of water, are still urgently needed. But, from virtually zero production, one year's effort in the fields has brought the Khmer people within sight of self-sufficiency in food and seeds. Hundreds of small, privately-owned businesses have sprung up in the city providing a thrusting base to the growing economy.

This could not have been achieved without a fair measure of political stability. Clearly, the Heng Samrin government controls the country and has won the support of the greater majority of the people. Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge, tucked away in the border mountains of the North West, and sustained by internationally-donated food, arms and medical aid, pose the threat to that stability. They are able to mount isolated, guerrilla-type forays, emerging from and disappearing into the jungle, as dissident groups have done in Kampuchea for centuries.

The day before I arrived a food convoy was shot up and deserted inland from the southern port of Kompong Som, by just such a group. The carnage

was witnessed by Adrian Crawford, an industrial consultant from Scotland, who serves with the OXFAM team. As he drove home from the port he came upon the trucks burning fiercely. Four persons lay dead and six others lay injured. Some had been shot, others burned to death. He helped to bandage the survivors and used his vehicle to get them to hospital. He was shocked by the fatalistic resignation of the survivors — but how else do you survive in a country which has undergone indescribable horrors, for so many years?

To the Khmer people, Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge unequivocally remain the enemy. No amount of dressing up by the West and China, no switching of names at the top, no manipulation of policies, no renunciation of the past, will change that fundamental fact. The trauma has been too deep. There is a fixity of purpose here which reminded me of the Orangemen of Northern Ireland. "Not an inch", will be given by the Khmer people to Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge. I asked constantly about Prince Sihanouk, who, is still being courted by the West. I received polite, but dusty answers. "Sihanouk", said one man, in a typical reply, "is a man who doesn't even know his own mind. How could we possibly trust him again. His son has already joined the Khmer Rouge. How could we take him back?" How, indeed?

The Vietnamese are getting harder to see or find in Kampuchea. They remain the power behind the government. But armed Khmer police have taken over the guarding of key installations. The massive international aid program is controlled an administered wholly by the Heng Samrin government. On this visit I had private talks, separately, with three ministers and their advisers. No Vietnamese were present, nor were they to be seen, and the agreements we reached appeared free, open and pragmatic. Every person I questioned — not only minor government officials, who can be expected to toe the party line — but peasants, and people met on the streets, gave the same kind of reply. "The Vietnamese are here at our invitation. As long as Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge remain, we want the Vietnamese to remain. When Pol Pot goes and the Khmer Rouge go, we shall ask the Vietnamese to go. We believe they will, because they are our friends". It will be argued that that is politically naive. Perhaps it is, but it is the reality on which the future of Kampuchea must and ought to turn. We have no right to dismiss it out of hand. Traditionally, Khmers and Vietnamese have little in common. It is Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge who have provided a grisly, but common identity of cause.

Thus, the nonaligned conference in New Delhi, the political intrigues of the U.N. machine, and the speeches of Western politicians, seem a long way removed from realities inside Kampuchea. If a ground-swell toward normality is beginning to show itself, as I believe it is, it is a normality based upon a point of view one hears more and more from the ordinary people of Kampuchea. It runs something like this: "We are Khmer, and proud of it. We are grateful for all the help you give us."

"We still need your help, and we welcome it; but it has to be on our terms, consistent with our timetable, and according to our priorities. Most of all we want to be left alone, to get on with the task of rebuilding our nation."

HAIG'S MIDEAST TOUR

United States Secretary of State Gen. Alexander Haig is soon to visit Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt and Israel besides making a stopover in West Europe. The countries concerned with the developments in the Middle East have their essential significance in mapping the broadlines for future efforts toward finding a solution to the crisis. Israel, however, is not the only problem for Washington, since the Soviet danger has also started coming closer to the oil fields.

It is well understood that Haig would discuss during his forthcoming tour. While Washington is anxious to look into a solution to the Palestine problem, it is also keen to study the view of the states of the region on the Soviet presence in Afghanistan and also perhaps on the complications of the Iraq-Iran war and the Soviet exploitation of this war.

All this is a preparation for what it said would be seriously studied next summer. Until that time, the Israeli elections would have ended and the West European initiative would have gone back to the British government in view of its periodical chairmanship of the European community for six months. By then, it would have also become clear whether the Iraq-Iran war would drag on or would end peacefully.

However, it would be too early to surmise that the Soviet military sweep of Afghanistan and its getting ready to confirm its influence in Iran are two principal factors behind America's increasing concern about the need to find a reasonable solution quite far from the twitches created by the Camp David accords.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of newspapers Sunday led with the impending Gulf foreign ministers' conference in Muscat to discuss the bases of cooperation and coordination among the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council. In a lead story, *Al Riyadh* reported that ministerial committee has been set up to study the creation of a center for nuclear energy in Saudi Arabia. *Al Jazirah* gave lead coverage of Iraq-Iran war which escalated after the Iranian rejection of the Islamic goodwill committee's proposals.

Newspapers frontpaged the threat by the hijackers of the Pakistani airliner to blow up the aircraft Sunday if Pakistan refused to release 90 political prisoners, as they claimed. They also gave page one prominence to the U.N. Human Rights Committee's denunciation of Israel and South Africa for their racist and terrorist policies. The round-table seminar beginning in Riyadh Sunday found front-page highlight in the newspapers. *Al Nadwa* gave page one prominence to Baghdad's reaffirmation that Iraq would not withdraw an inch so long as Iran did not recognize the Iraqi claims completely.

Newspaper editorials further commented on the Gulf Cooperation Council, saying that the formation of this council was urgently required by the people of the region. Some papers discussed the U.S. supply of F-15 accessories to Saudi Arabia and said once again that the Kingdom is capable of obtaining its defense requirements from any country. Discussing Gulf cooperation, *Al*

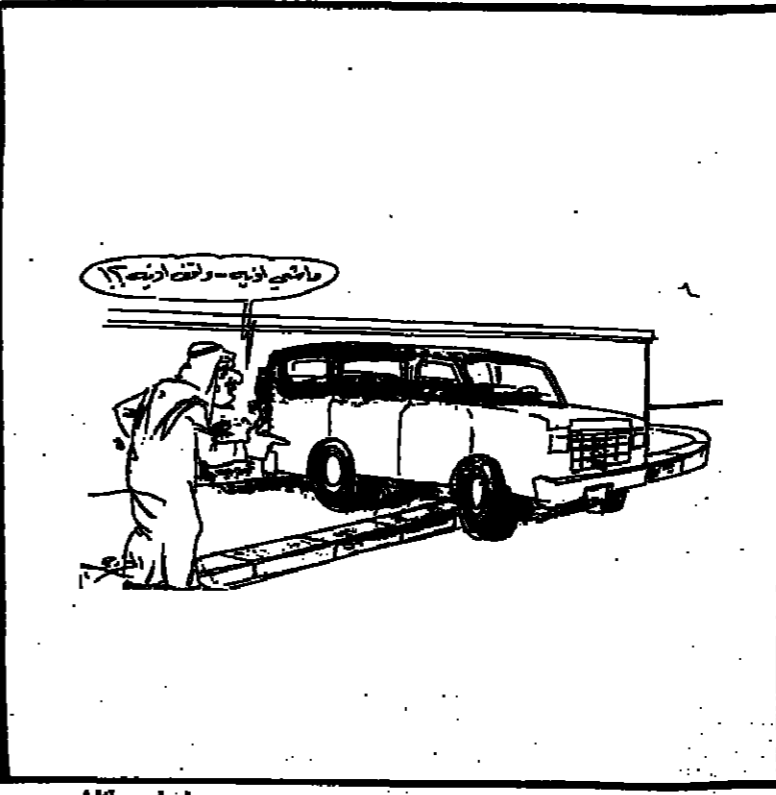
Bilad observed that the cooperation council is a great and splendid achievement of the peoples of the region. The paper referred to the Gulf foreign ministers' meeting beginning in Muscat Monday, and said that positive participation in the conference crystallizes the effective role the countries of the region are trying to play, in order to bring about a comprehensive development in the region. It reaffirmed that the leaders of the Gulf region are conscious of the political, economic and military problems and, therefore, keep the door wide open for exerting efforts toward achieving an all-out development and progress of the region.

Al Yam dwelled on the impending Arab Gulf foreign ministers in Muscat, saying the main concern of all these meetings would be to make final preparations for the drafting of the statute for the Cooperation Council and further to agree on the points which would govern relations among the Arab states of the Gulf. The drafting of the statute is a pressing necessity at the present juncture, since alien ambitions are growing continuously with a view to dominating the region and plundering its resources. The paper said that from time ambitious circles stress the need for protecting the security and stability of the Gulf, but they are actually interested in dominating the strategic Straits of Hormuz, which is the main artery for the supply of Gulf oil to many parts of the world. Under such conditions, the peoples of the Gulf cannot but have a strong cooperation and coordination to be able to protect themselves, their oil

and territory from alien domination, it added.

On the other hand, *Al Medina* concerned itself with the U.S. administration's resolve to supply sophisticated accessories for F-15 warplanes to Saudi Arabia. It said several factors have helped the U.S. president in responding to the needs of the Saudi Arabian Royal Air Force. There has been increasing consciousness among the legislative and administrative circles in America about the U.S. relations with the Kingdom and persistent Zionist attempts to spoil these relations for its own benefit. The paper endorsed the Kingdom's views on feeling free to obtain arms from any quarter for the defense of its territorial integrity. In fact, the American people have begun to realize that the Zionist entity is a burden on them, as they have to support it with American arms and funds for its survival, the paper said. It added that Saudi Arabia tries to avail of every opportunity to enlighten the American people on the justness of the Arab issue and to convince them that it is the legitimate right of the Arabs to be strong enough to confront challenges from the Zionist enemy.

Al Nadwa discussed the meetings now being held in the Omani capital Muscat in connection with the drafting of the statute for the Gulf Cooperation Council. It said the council would neither be a replacement of any Arab organization nor anything detached from the Arab bloc as a whole; it would not be directed against anyone but would strive to reorganize and coordinate existing relations among the Arab states of the Gulf.



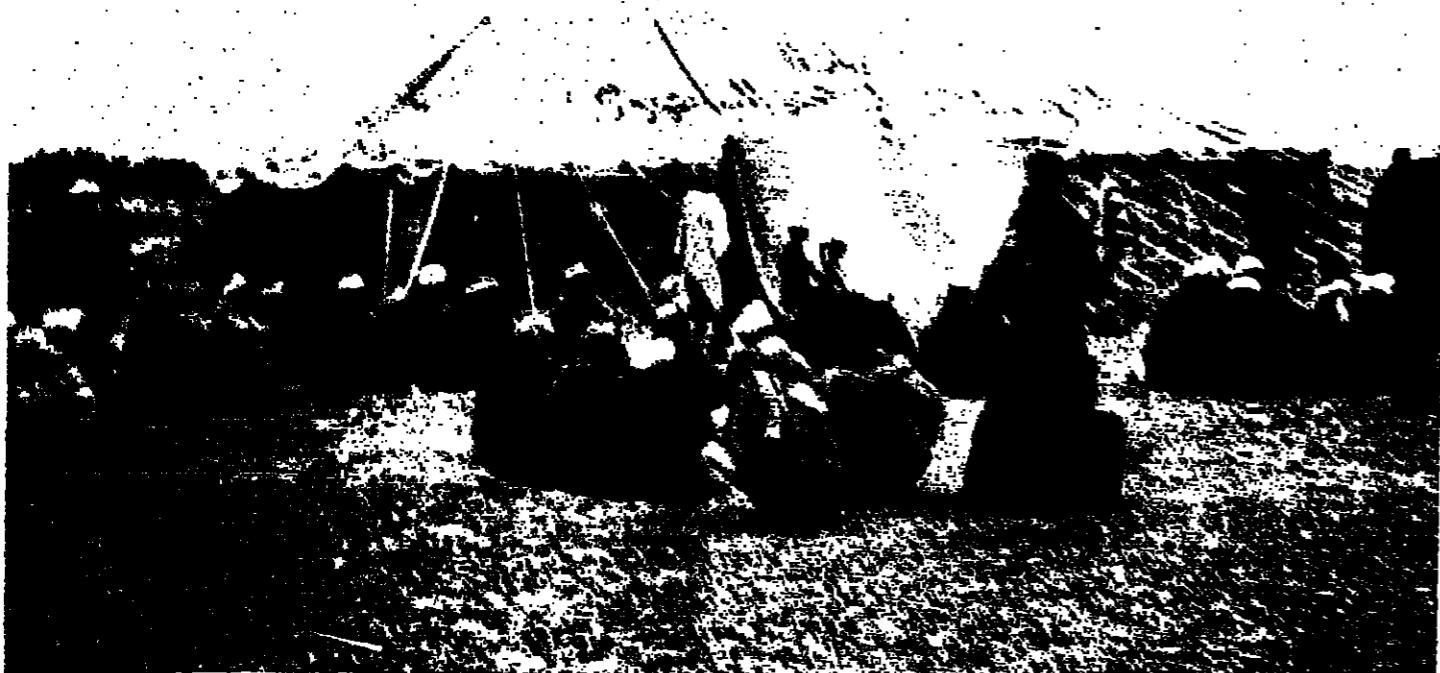
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HOSPITAL: Afghan refugees (left) in Pakistan squatting before a tent which serves as a hospital. Over a million Afghans have crossed over to Pakistan in the wake of the Soviet occupation of their country 13 months ago. Pakistan accepted them on humanitarian grounds and provided them with food and other daily necessities. An ambulance (right), donated by the Saudi Red Crescent, brings medical care to the refugees.



Kingdom extends helping hand

Caring for Afghan refugees

By Shahid Orakzi Arab News Correspondent

PESHAWAR — Bare-footed and in rags, Afghan children run toward a large tent as an ambulance speeds into the barren settlement with its sirens wailing. "Medicine... medicine", they go around shouting the good news to about 5,000 refugee families who have pegged their tents on this stony, uneven land down the Khyber hills, seven miles from Peshawar.

It is a rare sight to see so much of enthusiasm among children for medicines. Under normal conditions they would have protested the parent's decision to show them to a doctor — the man who gives severe "punishment" like an injection. But in the boring camp life, medical treatment has become a real fun for children, perhaps their only entertainment. They love to watch the doctor examine patients. The kids take sadistic pleasure in watching other people being given shots. The poor Afghan children run happily a few hundred meters just to have a close look at the shining new ambulance, a donation by the Saudi Red Crescent Society.

It is 11 o'clock in the morning, and for the past three hours dozens of women, children and the aged have been squatting outside the tent that houses the field hospital of the Saudi Red Crescent.

In the nearby firing range at Jamrud, Pakistan Air Force planes pound and strafe targets, with bombs and rockets giving the atmosphere a military touch. The dust cloud rising from the firing range reminds the refugees of events in their real life of the moments when their peaceful villages were destroyed by Soviet bombers and low-flying

helicopter gunships. On the other side of the Khyber Pass it's not that easy to watch a plane diving to hit ground targets," says an Afghan refugee.

Everyone here had been waiting for Mohammed Asif Rahiyab, the young Afghan doctor in charge of the Saudi Red Crescent Hospital in the camp. His patients shadow him around trying to explain their problems but he advises them to wait till the medicines arrive. Naturally he can't afford to examine his patients twice, especially when he has to see about 400 of them every day.

The huge workload has forced him to resort to "symptomatic diagnosis" in which the patient may get the right medicine only if he is able to explain his problems and point at the symptoms of disease. Neither time nor resources allow the doctor to make a sufficient examination of patients, though they deserve it. As a young medical graduate, he still remembers the theories he was taught at the faculty of medicine at Kabul University.

The prevailing practices and standards are quite different. At times he feels disgusted which is quite natural for the youth. "People on top sometimes get annoyed with my pace of prescribing medicines. But what should I do. I can't advise my patients to just take simple water, even that is not clean."

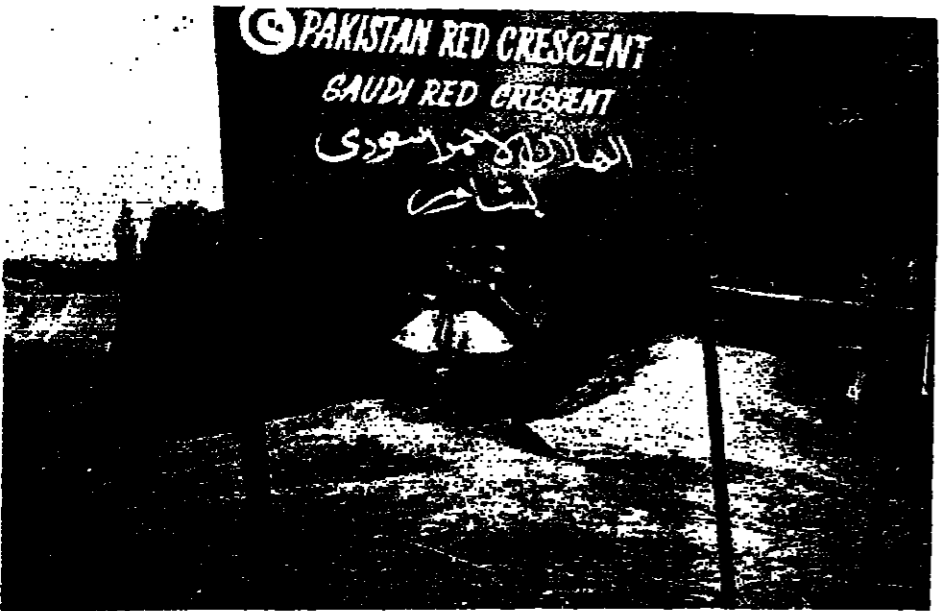
Though Dr. Rahiyab is not happy with the affairs of the refugee camps he is satisfied here more than he has been in that military hospital in Bamyan province. Most of his patients there were government soldiers wounded in battles with Mujahideen. At times the young doctor would think about the Mujahideen, who being poorly equipped, must have suffered greater injuries in the same battles. "I would keep thinking about the injuries suffered by the fighters and wonder if they were provided medical care," he recalls. The crisis developed within and grew acute till one day he made a decision, a decision common with all revolutionaries. He decided to side with the weaker party realising that the wounded Mujahideen and innocent victims of Soviet bombing deserved his attention more than government soldiers. He crossed over to Pakistan with his wife and a child.

The doctor took me around his small hospital, a huge tent with few curtain divisions. The only visible things were a table, a chair and a power generator that is seldom used.

"We are expecting to get some equipment to make it a hospital," he said. The basic requirement in his view was a small surgical unit that could enable him to perform minor surgeries inside the camp. He said the poor refugees were too lethargic about getting proper medical treatment and it is also beyond their means to go to Peshawar hospitals for minor problems. "I believe we can do it here in the camp."

The majority of his patients suffer from diarrhoea, gastro-enteritis and chest infections. They come from a country where health standard and facilities are very poor. Afghanistan had an average of six doctors per 100,000. With the Soviet invasion 70 per cent of doctors especially senior professors and surgeons, fled the country.

The remote Afghan mountain tribes had no access to modern medicine and their indigenous medical methods are not well developed either. As a result the majority of cases brought to hospitals in Peshawar are in chronic stages. Pakistani doctors estimate that at least 25 per cent of Afghan refugees suffer from tuberculosis. The Saudi Red Crescent, by opening five small hospitals in refugee camps, has extended a helping hand to the Pakistan Government.



TENTS: A view of the tents in which the refugees live.



DOCTOR: Muhammed Asif Rahiyab, an Afghan who left the country to serve the refugees (left). Above an aged Afghan sits before a refugee camp.



AGED: Three aged Afghans sit together with blankets to ward off the biting cold.

French restrictions may hit 2,000 varieties of apples

By Paul Webster

PARIS, (ONS) — A French Apple Eaters Association has launched a campaign to abilitate the forbidden fruit — 2,000 varieties of French apples that could disappear. Officials are encouraging the golden delicious. Only 20 French apples, many of them of golden delicious origin, can be marketed in France under strict Ministry of Agriculture supervision. New strains of a big, low-skinned apple are now being developed by the ministry that could wipe out dozens of varieties with names like Belle Epoque, Reine des Glaces, and Saint Hubert whose commercial marketing is

technically forbidden.

The French Natural History Museum has given its backing to the Association des Croqueurs des Pommes which is tracking down specimens of regional varieties identified by chairman Jean-Louis Choisel. An electronics engineer, Choisel recently produced a "Practical Guide to the Natural Orchard and Regional Fruit Varieties". Other members are producing an exhaustive catalogue, while expeditions search for apparently extinct trees that have survived in a forest corner or abandoned farm.

The Natural History Museum's Raymond Pujol said that the ministry's policy outlawing regional varieties amounted to "ethnocide"

Traditionally popular apples were becoming extinct, he said. "Apples have special qualities depending on what they are going to be used for", he added, pointing out the obvious difference between an apple for cider and another for compote (stewed fruit).

But French apple growers are already accelerating their production of the golden delicious which was not seen on a large scale here until the mid-1950s. The original plant comes from Maryland and should be grown at heights over 300 meters to produce its best flavor. Taste appears to be fairly unimportant in French marketing. Golden delicious sells well because of its uniform size and clear skin. There is also a good technical reason for

growing the apple: its stalk is strong, lessening the chance of windfalls.

Private and government nurseries are now concentrating on developing new strains and hybrids that will increase the apple's profitability while rejecting work on other varieties which they think will not sell. At the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, France's experimental nursery, researchers say that many better-tasting apples have been produced but they will never be marketed because of natural blemishes. "We have no choice," a scientist said. "The producer wants beautiful apples, the customer wants beautiful apples and we have to give them what they want."

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Gene Mayer struggles

Vijay downs Dibbs to stumble into final

SALISBURY, Maryland, March 8 (AP) — Vijay Amritraj of India, advanced to the final of the \$200,000 World Championship Tennis Invitational Tournament here Saturday for the second year in a row by defeating Eddie Dibbs 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Amritraj will face either the winner of Saturday night's match between alternate Bill Scanlon and Spain's Manuel Orantes or Brian Teacher, who defeated Harold Solomon 6-3, 7-6.

Solomon finished the tournament with a 2-3 record while Teacher's victory boosted his showing to 3-2. Teacher awaited the results of the Orantes-Scanlon match that could determine whether he would enter the final against Amritraj.

Tournament officials said a point system would be used to determine who enters the final match if Scanlon lost to Orantes, who has not won a match in the round-robin tournament.

The final will be held on Sunday for the \$100,000 top prize. Amritraj's only loss in the tournament so far has been to Scanlon. The 28-year old Indian played Scanlon for the first time ever and lost in straight sets 6-4, 6-3.

It was the fourth consecutive loss for Dibbs against Amritraj dating back to 1979. It was also the third time in this tournament that Amritraj had to come back after losing the first set.

In Denver, Gene Mayer fought his way to a final berth in the \$125,000 United Bank Tennis Classic, losing the first set after being rattled by two early miscalls and then settling down to defeat second-year pro Mel Purcell 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, here Saturday.

Mayer, the defending champion at this Volvo Grand Prix tour stop, built a 3-2 lead in the opening set, but lost his service to Purcell in the sixth game, and then dropped the seventh at love after arguing with the judge over a Purcell serve.

Then Purcell broke service again in the

eighth game when Mayer disputed another serve he said should have been a let. With his normally erratic serve staying on target, Purcell held on to win the set 6-3.

But Mayer, as if to prove he still held the edge over the less experienced Purcell, took an overhead on a ball that came out of the rafters and whistled it past his opponent's ear to ice the first game of the second set.

Setting the tone for the rest of the match, he broke service in the second game and held on to take the set. In the third set, Mayer got a service break in the first game as Purcell took his turn at sparring with the official and drew a bad conduct warning.

Top-seeded Martina Navratilova and third-seeded Andrea Jaeger scored semifinal victories Saturday night to advance to the final of the \$150,000 Avon Championships of Los Angeles.

Navratilova eliminated unseeded Bettina Bunge 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 after the 15-year-old Jaeger topped sixth-seeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany 6-4, 6-3.

Navratilova and Jaeger will square off Sunday afternoon for the singles championship of the women's tennis tournament and the \$30,000 first prize. The loser will earn \$15,000.

Navratilova needed an hour and 44 minutes to eliminate the 17-year-old Bunge. Navratilova controlled the final set and recorded the only two service breaks of the set, in the fourth and last games. Bunge had taken a 4-0 lead on her way to victory in the second set.

Meanwhile, fourth-seeded Iva Budarova of Czechoslovakia and sixth-seeded Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa scored semifinal victories Saturday night in the \$30,000 Avon Futures of Las Vegas Women's Tennis Tournament.

Budarova and Vermaak will meet on Sunday at the Cambridge Racquet Club for the singles championship. The winner will earn \$3,500.



KIDNAPPED: Enrique "Quini" Castro poses with his sons before the First Division match against Hercules (Alicante). The Spanish League top-scorer was reported kidnapped two hours after the match.

For soccer star

Barcelona to pay ransom

MADRID, March 8 (R) — The Barcelona football club will pay a ransom for World Cup star Enrique "Quini" Castro and is waiting for instructions from his kidnapers on how the money is to be handed over, club officials said Saturday.

Barcelona coach Helenio Herrera would not tell a news conference how much had been demanded for the release of the 31-year-old star who disappeared last Sunday. Press reports have put the ransom at 100 million pesetas (\$1.2 million).

"Barcelona will pay what they (the kidnapers) demand and would even give its stadium. They can be assured that we are not going to haggle," club vice-president Nicolas Casaus said.

Mr. Casaus said the abductors were common criminals and the kidnapping had no

political or sports motives. Police have discarded as a hoax a claim from a previously unknown group that the top scorer in the Spanish League was kidnapped to prevent Barcelona from winning the league.

Meanwhile a team official said that, Castro has counseled his teammates to proceed with their league tie against Atletico Madrid Sunday in a tape recording.

Nicolas Casaus said in a press conference that a recording of Quini's voice had reached the club offices, but declined to reveal how.

Casaus said Quini told the team to go ahead with Sunday's match "because whatever happens I will be with you on that day." Quini also said he was being well-treated by his kidnapers and was sure he would soon be set free, Casaus reported.

Britons back to the fore

HARTFORD, Connecticut, March 8 (AFP) — After 12 years in the wings the British have taken center stage again when policeman Christopher Dean, 22, and secretary Jayne Torvill, 23, won the ice dance title at the World Figure Skating Championships here Saturday night.

Their triumph recalled the days of their compatriots Diana Towler and Bernard Ford who were champions in 1966 and 1969 and held the British title from 1952 to 1960.

The couple demonstrated their extraordinary mastery of skating and danced in perfect harmony to glide ahead in the compulsory which they led from the first compulsory dance.

American champions Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert lost their chance of a third place after a fall and finished fourth. Their slip allowed Natalia Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin of the Soviet Union to climb into third place.

Meanwhile, despite projected expenses the sponsors of the championships said they

expect to make a net profit of \$1 million from the six-day event.

The skating club of Hartford, the International Skating Union and the U.S. Figure Skating Association will share about two-thirds of the profit, according to Paul T. Bourdeau, co-chairman of the championships' organizing committee.

He said the City of Hartford, owner of the Civil Center Coliseum, would get the remaining one-third. The championships were to conclude Sunday.

Bourdeau did not reveal what share of the profits each skating group would receive, but others said the issue would receive the largest share.

"Our profit (the local skating club) is not that great when you take into consideration that 800 volunteers worked long hours" to prepare, Bourdeau said.

Included among the sponsors' expenses are accommodations for skater and team captains, advertising, souvenirs for resale and arena rental.

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Davis Cup round-up

U.S., Italy concede lead

LONDON, March 8 (Agencies) — Italy, one of the most consistent Davis Cup teams of the last decade, faced elimination from this year's competition Saturday when they dropped the doubles to fall 2-1 behind in their first round tie.

Andrew Jarrett and Jonathan Smith, who had not represented their country in the competition before, scored a three-hour 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 triumph over the ace Italian combination of Adriano Panatta and Paolo Bertolucci.

In Carlsbad, California, Raul Ramirez teamed with 17-year-old Jorge Ozano to defeat Marty Rissesen and Sherwood Stewart 6-4, 3-6, 9-7, 0-6, 6-3 and give Mexico a 2-1 advantage over the United States.

Mexico has to win one of the final two singles matches Sunday as Lozano opens up against Roscoe Tanner and Ramirez faces John McEnroe at the Lacosta Hotel and SPA Sitego in an effort to advance to the second round.

Ramirez, Mexico's best player, was playing in his second straight five-set match after having evened the competition at 1-all Friday by besting Tanner in a tiring contest.

In Yokohama, Sweden trounced Japan 5-0. In Sunday's singles matches, Per Hjertquist beat Japan's top ranking player, Tsuyoshi Fukui, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 in the first match and veteran Kjell Johansson whipped Japan's Shigeyuki Nishio 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 in the fourth and final match.

In Jakarta, Indonesia, India advanced when it beat Indonesia 3-2. Sashi Menon 'defeated Indonesia's top singles player Yustedjo Tarik 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 in the fourth game of the best-of-five series. India gave Indonesia the fifth game by a walk-over.

In Bogota, Colombia Chile defeated Colombia in the doubles seizing a 2-1 advantage. Hans Gildemeister and Belous Prejoux took an hour and 45 minutes to defeat Jairo Velasco and Alejandro Cortes, 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 at the American tennis club's coliseum.

In Bucharest, Romania took a 2-1 lead over Brazil in as doubles partners Florin Segarceanu and Andrei Dyrzu defeated Brazilian pair Thomas Koch and Carlos Kirmayr 0-6, 8-6, 6-4, 7-5.

In Seoul, New Zealand completed a 5-0 win over South Korea. Chris Lewis beat Jeon Chang Dae 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 and Russell Simpson defeated Jeon Young-Gia 6-2, 8-6, 6-0.

In Munich, Argentina lead West Germany 2-1 Guillermo Vilas and Jose Luis Clero (Argentina) beat Rolf Gerhring and Christoph Zippf (West Germany) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.


In Lyons, France, Australia lead France 2-1. Mark Edmondson and Kim Warwick (Australia) beat Yannick Noah and Pascal Portes 6-3, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.

Algeria champs

AMMAN, March 8 (R) — North African countries and Sudan dominated the annual Inter-Arab Cross Country Championships Friday by winning all the individual and team events.

Ojudeh of Sudan won the men's 10 kilometers race in 35 minutes 53 seconds followed by Abdul Noor Al-Hashimi of Algeria and Abdul-Aziz Bukrah of Tunisia.

Aldrami Al-Husseinih of Morocco finished first in the women's four kilometer event, ahead of Latifa Al-Drawish of Tunisia and Ould Shameh Khaddouch of Morocco. Algeria won the men's team title and Morocco took the women's team event.



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Thijssen nets late equalizer

Ipswich holds Forest in thriller

LONDON, March 8 (AFP) — Ipswich Town kept their dreams of a unique treble alive, despite throwing away a two-goal lead in a pulsating English F.A. Cup quarterfinal at Nottingham Forest Saturday.

Two-up in 23 minutes, Ipswich were stunned when Forest stormed back to go into a 3-2 lead. However, Dutchman Frans Thijssen came to the rescue with a late equalizer to earn them a replay on Tuesday.

Forest, chasing the one trophy they have never won under Brian Clough's management, looked on the way out as they gifted Ipswich a two-goal lead. English striker Paul

Moriner opened the scoring, after a mistake by Forest's England defender Viv Anderson, who then headed into his own net leaving his side with a seemingly hopeless task. It was not Anderson's day — he injured a shoulder just before half-time and had to be substituted.

There was no surrender by Forest's batlers, however, who went into the lead with goals from England's Trevor Francis, Colin Walsh and Scotland's John Robertson (penalty) and held on until nine minutes from time, when Thijssen spoiled their day.

Seven teams will go into the hat for Monday's semi-final draw, for two of the other

quarterfinals also ended all square.

Tottenham Hotspurs were the only winners, ending Third Division Exeter City's magnificent Cup run with a 2-nil victory home. Defenders Graham Roberts and Paul Miller were the Tottenham scorers.

Everton's Kevin Ratcliffe was sent off five minutes from time in an explosive 2-all draw with Manchester City at Goodison Park. Everton led twice, first through Peter Eastoe and then, with a penalty by Trevor Ross, but each time City battled back to earn a replay. Gerry Gow got City's first equalizer and Paul Power pulled them level a second time two minutes before Ratcliffe was given his marching orders for an attack on Tommy Hutchison.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, without an away win, did themselves proud to earn a one-all draw at Middlesbrough, who were warmly fancied to reach the last four for the first time.

Andy Gray gave "Wolves" an eighth-minute lead, Terry Cochrane equalized in the 29th minute and the visitors held out for a replay on Tuesday, despite a relentless assault on their goal.

In the English First Division, Aston Villa joined Ipswich at the top of the table after a 2-1 over Sunderland. Allan Evans and Dennis Mortimer gave Villa a two goal lead inside the first nineteen minutes but they had to hang on as Sunderland pulled one back through Joe Hinnigan and came close to an equalizer.

Soccer Results

English F.A. Cup quarter-finals	Q.P. Rangers 1 Blackburn 1
Middlesbrough 1 Wolverhampton 1	Sheffield Wednesday 0 Derby 0
Nottingham Forest 3 Ipswich 3	Shrewsbury 2 Oldham 2
Everton 2 Manchester City 2	Watford 4 Cardiff 2
Tottenham 2 Exeter 0	West Ham 1 Newcastle 0
Division One	Scottish Cup quarter finals
Brighton 4 Coventry 1	Celtic v East Stirling (Sunday)
Leicester 1 Arsenal 0	Dundee United 6 Motherwell 1
Southampton 1 Manchester United 0	Morton v Clydebank — postponed
Sunderland 1 Aston Villa 2	Rangers 3 Hibernian 1
Wester Bromwich 1 Crystal Palace 0	Premier Division
Division Two	Aberdeen 4 Hearts 1
Bristol City v Grimsby postponed	Airdrie 2 Partick 0
Cambridge 1 Bristol Rovers 3	St. Mirren 1 Kilmarnock 1
Chelsea 3 Bolton 0	Division One
Notts County 0 Luton 1	AR 2 Dunfermline 1
Preston 3 Orient 0	Hamilton 0 Raith 2
	St. Johnstone 1 Falkirk 0
	Stirling Albion v Dundee — postponed



DASH: Tottenham's Osvaldo Ardiés (left) and John Sparrow of Exeter make a dash for the ball in the English F.A. Cup quarterfinal match Saturday. Tottenham won the encounter 2-0.

Debutant Rose helps England to victory

PARIS, March 7 (AFP) — France, who beat Wales 19-15 in a dour, scrappy match in Paris, and England, who triumphed 10-6 in Dublin, clash at Twickenham on March 21 to decide the overall winners of the five-nations Rugby Union Championship.

France's win gave them six points from three games. England are on four and need to beat the French to share the championship. A fierce and often ill-tempered confrontation ended with France raising enough momentum in the last quarter of the game to snatch victory from a defiant Welsh side which had taken a 15.9 lead shortly after half-time.

France just held a strong Welsh pack and English referee Alan Welsby had to speak to both captains about the fierceness of the clashes inside the first half hour.

French captain Jean-Pierre Rives, playing with a cut above the eye from the first 20 minutes, played a heroic part in France's win. France won by five penalties and a try, to a goal and three penalties.

Marcus Rose, England's new fullback, recovered from a panic-stricken opening to score one try and set up a second, giving England a gripping victory over Ireland in Dublin.

Fans demonstrate

DUBLIN, March 8 (AFP) — More than 3,000 people demonstrated before Ireland's Five-Nation Championship match with England at Lansdowne road here Saturday in protest of Ireland's forthcoming Rugby Union tour of South Africa.

The demonstration was supported by both the government and parliamentary opposition, as well as the Trade Union movement and leaders from both catholic and Anglican churches.

In Cape Town, Argentinian side Los Toros opened their South African Rugby Union tour with a resounding 21-6 victory over a south African defense team Saturday. The half-time score was 11-6.

Los Toros scored a goal, four tries and a penalty goal to a goal by defense.

Argentina's Alberto Contardi, a nippy scrum-half who was by no means outshone by Springbok Divan Serfontein, scored two of the tries. Lock-forward Alberto Fahey and center Marcelo Loffreda were responsible for each.



CLEAR: England's Clive Woodward races clear of the Scottish defense to score the first try for England during the England vs Scotland Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham recently. The victory — 23 points to 17 — in favor of England, was achieved by a goal, two tries and three penalty goals to Scotland's goal, two tries and one penalty goal.

Limon to defend title against Boza-Edwards

STOCKTON, California, March 8 (AP) — Mexico's Rafael "Bazooka" Limon will defend his World Boxing Council super featherweight title Sunday in the first championship fight in the history of Stockton.

The challenger is Cornelius Boza-Edwards, a 24-year-old fighter who moved from Uganda to London when he was 17 and now is a British citizen. He brings a 29-2 professional record into his first title fight, scheduled for 15 rounds.

Limon, 27, has a 55-4-2 ring record and has won 30 times by knockouts. The latest was on Dec. 4 in Los Angeles when he stopped Ildefonso Bethelmi in the 15th round of their fight for the title vacated by Alexis Arguello.

Arguello was champion for almost three

years in the 130-pound (58 kilo) division, also known as junior lightweight, before deciding to pursue the lightweight championship. He has beaten Limon and Boza-Edwards.

Limon took on Arguello in 1979 and was stopped in the 11th round of a title fight at New York's Madison Square Garden.

The new WBC super featherweight champ will get \$100,000 for his first title defense and challenger Boza-Edwards is getting \$30,000, according to promoter Don Charin.

Meanwhile, champion Yoko Gushiken of Japan and Mexican challenger Pedro Flores will meet for the World Boxing Association's junior flyweight title in Okinawa Sunday night for the second time in five months.

The 15-round championship fight will be held at the 7,008-seat Gushikawa City's Gymnasium near Naha, capital of the Okinawa prefecture (state).

It will be a close fight because both fighters know each other better this time and that they are in better physical condition with hopes of winning by a knockout.

The 25-year-old Gushiken is making his 14th defense of the 108-pound (48.9-

kilogram) title he won from Juan Guzman of the Dominican Republic by a seventh round knockout in Tokyo on Oct. 10, 1976.

For the 30-year-old Mexican it will be his second shot at a world crown since he moved down from the flyweight division.

The champion, who has height and overall reach advantages over the challenger, will enter the ring with an unmarked record of 23 victories, including 15 knockouts. He was stopped eight of his title challengers within the 15-round distance.

Flores, WBA's fourth ranking contender, has a record of 14 victories, including five knockouts, against six losses. The challenger is considered a big danger for Gushiken although the champion is favored to win the fight.

It was announced in Kuala Lumpur, that seventy boxers from Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, India, Australia, Burma, Brunei, Hong Kong, Thailand, The Philippines, Japan and Malaysia will participate in the Malaysian Amateur Open Boxing Championship to be held here April 21-29, Assistant Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Abang Haji Ahmad, said Saturday.

BRIEFS

PEKING, (AP) — New York's "C" team upset New York's "A" team, which includes three world champion players, 12-8 Saturday in a first-round match of the Shanghai International Bridge Tournament, the official Xinhua news agency reported. Three teams scored the maximum possible 20 points in first-round matches, Xinhua said. Rotterdam, with one world champion player, beat Tokyo "A" 20-5, Houston beat Macao 20-1 and Shanghai "A" beat Bangkok 20-5.

BASTIA, Corsica, — Twenty one year-old Stephen Roche of Ireland held onto his lead in Saturday's final time-trial to win the tour of Corsica Road Cycling race which finished here. Roche had only Peugeot team-mate Jacques Bossis of France, with whom he shared the lead overnight, to fear over the 12kms time-trial and he was clocked 40 secs up on Bossis to win his first professional event, ahead of some of the best riders in the business.

LONDON, (AFP) — Steven Paul, one of England's famous fencing family, won the Martini Challenge Epee Tournament at Seymour hall here Saturday beating Norway's Nils Koppang in the final.

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia (AP) — Lots were drawn Friday for the 36th World Table Tennis Championships which will place in this north Yugoslav city April 14-26. Sixty-three countries have announced participation in the contest to be known as "Sens 81" and

another 12 will send delegates to work in the congress of the International Table Tennis Federation.

ASPEN, Colorado (AP) — American Phil Mahre pulled ahead of Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark with a quick second run to win the men's World Cup Giant Slalom Saturday on Aspen mountain. Mahre, who trailed Stenmark by 19-hundredths of a second after the first run, edged Stenmark by 33-hundredths in the second run for the victory. Mahre's combined time for two runs was 3 minutes, 12.76 second while Stenmark was clocked in 3:12.90.

SNOW SUMMIT, California (AP) — American Viki Fleckenstein won the Giant Slalom portion of the \$15,000 Michelob Light Cup Skiing competition at Snow Summit on Saturday. Fleckenstein, 25 picked up 30 points in the yearly scoring.

LAHTI, (AFP) — Barbara Petzold of East Germany won the women's 10 kilometer event at the International Nordic Skiing Meeting here Saturday. She covered the course in 35 minutes 2 seconds to beat Inger Helena Nybreen of Norway by 58 seconds. Third was Carola Anding of East Germany.

LONDON, (AFP) — Commonwealth secretary-general Shridath S. Ramphal, recalling England's controversial cricket tour of the West Indies, reaffirmed his full support for the International campaign against apartheid.

In Inverrary Golf Curtis Strange wrests commanding 4-shot lead

FLORIDA, March 8 (AP) — Curtis Strange, exhibiting the sure, steady game that won him two titles last year, fired a no-bogey, 6-under-par 66 and took a commanding, four-shot lead Saturday in the third round of the \$300,000 American Motors Inverrary Golf Classic.

Strange, 27 and one of the new wave of stars moving to the front rank of the games had a 54-hole total of 201, 15 strokes under par on the 7,129-yard Inverrary Golf Club Course.

His playing partners Tom Kite and struggling Larry Ziegler, were tied for the second at 205. Kite birdied two of his last two holes for a 68. Ziegler, a two-shot leader at the end of two rounds, salvaged a 72 with a late rally that included an eight-foot eagle putt on the 15th.

Johnny Miller was next with a 66 and a 206 total. Jack Nicklaus was another shot back at 207. He had a 69, including a 16-foot birdie putt on the final hole.

In Tucson, Nancy Lopez-Melton fired a course-record 68 to take a four-stroke lead over Myra Yan Hoose after Saturday's third round of the \$125,000 Arizona Copper Classic Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament.

Lopez-Melton, who has led throughout the tourney, takes a 210 total into Sunday's final round. Van Hoose, the 1989 LPGA rookie of the year, shot a 70 Saturday to overtake Friday's second place finisher, Pat Bradley.

Bradley had a round of 72 Saturday to slip into third place with a 215 total. Patty Hayes is alone in fourth at 217 seven strokes behind Lopez-Melton.

Three players are tied for fifth — Alice Ritzmen, Amy Alcott and Alice Miller — with even-par 219s.

Meanwhile, Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pennsylvania, Saturday was named as the site of the 1983 U.S. Open Golf Championship by the U.S. Golf Association. That will be the sixth U.S. Open played at Oakmont. Only Olatrusol, New Jersey, Golf club, which held its sixth Open Championship in 1980, has had as many.

The most recent open at Oakmont was in 1973. Johnny Miller shot a tournament-record 63 in the final round to win by one stroke.

In the 1963 tournament at Oakmont, Jack Nicklaus beat Arnold Palmer in a dramatic 18-hole playoff to win the first of his four U.S. Open titles.

The other open winners at the course were Tommy Armour in 1927, local club professional Sam Parks in 1935 and Ben Hogan in 1953.

Wille Nicholson Jr., president of the USGA, said Oakmont will play host to the 83rd U.S. Open June 16-19, 1983.

The 1981 Open will be held June 18-21 at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

The 1982 tournament has been awarded to Pebble Beach Golf links in Pebble Beach, California, while the Open Championships in 1984 and 1985 will be played at Winged Foot Golf Club in Namaroneck, New York, and Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham, Michigan, respectively.

Markku Alen wins Port Wine Rally

ESTORIL, Portugal March 8 (AFP) — Finland's Markku Alen took the lead in the World Championship by winning the Portugal Port Wine Car Rally for a fourth time here Saturday night.

Alen had taken the lead in his Fiat-131 Abarth when early pace-setter Hannu Mikkola of Finland drove his Audi Quatos to standstill on the third stage and Ari Vatanen crashed.

Alen finished over nine minutes ahead of fellow Finn Henry Toivonen, winner of last year's Rally of Britain.

Only 24 of the original 95 starters finished the four-stage rally which counts for the World Championship.

Provisional final results (46 special stages):

- Markku Alen (Finland) Fiat-Abarth — 8 hrs 27 mins 26 secs;
- 2. Henri Toivonen (Finland) Sunbeam Talbot Lotus — 8:36.37;
- 3. Bjorn Waldegaard (Sweden) Toyota Celica — 8:39.47;
- 4. Michele Mouton (France) Audi-Quattro — 8:50.57;
- 5. Tony Pond (England) Datsun Violet;
- 6. Guy Freguein (France) — Sunbeam Talbot Lotus.

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BUT WHAT IF I FALL ASLEEP IN THE SAME CORNER?!

B.C.

I CALL THIS "THE K WHEEL"

WHAT DOES THE "K" STAND FOR?

I'M NOT SURE HOW THEY KEEP SCORE IN DETROIT, BUT IN BASEBALL IT MEANS 'TO STRIKE OUT'!

ANDY GAPP

IT'S ALWAYS 'AS COMPLETE CONTROL OVER A GAME, BUT NOT OVER 'MYSELF'

HAGAR

YOU MAD AGAIN?

SMALL SOCIETY

I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A LOT OF PHONY MONEY IN CIRCULATION, SHIRLEY—

ALL OF IT, MENSCH—

WIZARD

CALL ME ANYTIME, HANDSOME... I'M IN THE BOOK

BUT I DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME

LOOK, FELLA, I MAY HANG AROUND BUT I'M NOT BASH!

Arab News Calendar

DIABRAN TV Program (Arabic)

MONDAY: 4:30 Magic Star Traveller; 5:06 Hourly to Health; 5:21 Family Hour Festival; 6:08 Happy Day; 6:33 Mark and Mandy; 7:07 Old Country Shop; 7:34 Between the Wax; 8:00 College Football.

BAHRAIN TV Program

MONDAY: 4:00 Quran; 4:25 Today's Program; 4:30 Children's Program; 6:00 Wonders Of The Sea; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 8:35 Musical Show; 9:30 English News; 9:55 Tomorrow's Program; 10:50 Weekly Science; 12:00 News.

RAS AL KHAYMA TV Program

MONDAY: 5:45 Quran; 6:00 H.R. Fulford; 6:20 Program; 7:10 Adventure; 7:35 Casino Theater; 8:25 Get Smart; 8:30 Futura; 10:30 Dr. Kildare; 10:51 Spy.

DUBAI Channel 30 Program

MONDAY: 3:00 Quran; 5:15 Religious Talk; 5:30 Cartoons; 6:00 Seventh Sense; 6:30 A-2; 7:30 Religion Series; 8:00 Local News; 8:10 Sports of the Day; 9:00 Arabic Drama; 10:30 World News; Song; Program Review; 10:50 Indian Film.

DUBAI Channel 33 Program

MONDAY: 6:00 Quran; 6:15 To Rome with Love; 6:30 Ghosts of Motley Hall; 7:00 Marcus Welby; 8:00 Islamic Horizons; 8:05 Local News; 8:10 Police Woman; 9:00 Duchess of Duke Street; 10:00 World News; 10:25 Mary Tyler Moore Show; 11:25 Futura Film.

KUWAIT TV Program

MONDAY: 7:05 Cartoons; 7:35 Dusty's Trail; 8:00 News in English; 8:15 Roving Report; 8:30 Cine Club.

QATAR TV Program

MONDAY: 5:00 Quran; 5:30 Open Sesame; 6:30 News; 6:45 Sports; 7:00 Children's Theater; 7:45 Arabic Series; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Portraits of Power; 9:30 Arabic Play; 10:00 English News; 10:20 Arabic Play.

OMAN TV Program

MONDAY: 3:02 Quran; 5:08 Today's Program; 5:10 Students' Program; 6:15 Cartoons; 6:30 Adult Education; 6:50 English comedy; 7:20 Art/Police Program; 7:45 Songs; 7:50 Arabic Film; 8:20 Arabic News; 9:00 Religious Program; 9:30 Local Arabic News; 9:50 Song/Soldier's Diary; 10:00 English News; 10:20 Variety Program; 11:50 News; 11:55 Quran.

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8:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
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9:00 Newsdesk
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10:30 Sarah Ward
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11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
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2:00 World News
2:09 Commentary
2:15 The Face of England



"WE WAS ALL SLEEPIN' PEACEABLE TOGETHER... UNTIL THAT BIG CRASH OF THUNDER!"

Contract Bridge **B. Jay Becker**
Famous Hand

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J
♥ K Q 10 8 5
♦ J
♣ K Q 10 6 3

EAST
♠ K 10 8 2
♥ 9 3 2
♦ A 7 6
♣ A 8 4

WEST
♠ 6 4 3
♥ 7 6 4
♦ Q 9 4
♣ J 9 7 2

EAST
♠ 3
♥ 10 8
♦ 3 2
♣ 10 8 5 3 2

South
♠ K Q 10 8
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ J 9 7 2
♣ A 8 4

West
♠ 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 9
♣ J 9 7 2

East
♠ 10 8
♥ 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A 8 4

The bidding:
West 1♥ North Pass East 2♣ South Pass 3♦ Pass 3NT

Opening lead — six of spades.

Now East (Bob Lipsitz of Alexandria, Va.) made the only defensive play that could stop the contract. He cashed the ace of clubs, shifted to a low heart, and I found myself helpless.

If I took the heart with the jack, I could cash four diamonds and a spade, but would lose a spade at the end and go down one. If I overtook the heart jack with dummy's queen and cashed three more heart tricks and the K-Q of clubs, I would eventually lose a club to West's jack and also go down one. It was a bitter pill for me to swallow, and I haven't gotten over the taste of it yet.

Your Individual Horoscope
— Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Try to cut down on expenses. Watch arguments about bills. Financial affairs are likely to be complicated now. Safeguard possessions.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
It may be difficult to concentrate now. Watch judgment regarding job-related decisions. You're inclined to be a bit careless.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Sideswipe clandestine involvements. Don't let a romantic situation get you down. Your feelings are liable to fluctuate now.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You could over-extend yourself socially. Cut down on appointments. The problems of others could interfere with progress.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Career negotiations are complicated. It will be hard to get much accomplished. It's not a favorable time for signing papers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
You're prone to ask too many people for advice, with the end result of becoming un-

sure of yourself. Be careful of excess expenditures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
You're inclined to be indecisive. A change of events makes you uncertain as to where you stand. Don't take others for granted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Interpersonal relationships are trying now. Despite much discussion, you may get little accomplished in the way of agreement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
A friend may renege on a promise, or you may be careless about keeping an appointment. You're easily distracted on the job.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Don't mix business with pleasure. Spending money in an effort to impress others is the wrong approach. Avoid extravagant displays.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Household expenses could mount up now. Plans for travel are subject to change. Watch out for mix-ups in communication.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
The picture changes rapidly regarding a business or money transaction. Be cautious. Realize that not everything is what it seems to be.

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Show approval
5 Culinary expert
9 Word with bound or away
10 Type of tire
13 Rosary beads
14 Loath
15 Toothed
17 Greek letter
18 "Of Mice and —"
19 — Luis Obispo, Ca.
20 Plant louse
23 Transport
24 Thick soup
25 Very (mus.)
26 Word with monger
27 Bequest recipient
28 Legendary bird
29 Allot
30 Irish exclamation
31 Branch of biology
36 Pacific atoll of WWII fame
38 Before mater
39 Late news hour
40 Fasten
41 Scoot

DOWN

42 Rational
1 African lake
2 Subst
3 Arab seaport
4 Nuisance
5 Boxed
6 Shelter
7 Dutch township
8 "Hot" store event
11 Phoenician love goddess
12 Shed
16 Distaff
18 French friend
20 Of the dawn system
21 Obtained Biddy girl
23 — brio
24 Plunder
25 Film sleuth
27 Pour off
29 Underground
32 Highlands
33 Olive genus
34 U.S. agent
35 Eli strongho

Saturday's Answer

20 Of the dawn system
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25 Film sleuth
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Believe It or Not!

THE TRAP-DOOR SPIDER OF So. Africa AS A DEFENSE AGAINST ITS ENEMIES BLOCKS THE ENTRANCE TO ITS BURROW WITH ITS ABDOMEN— WHICH IS "ARMORED"

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Wavelengths: 16.36, 13.86, 13.79 (meters)

7:45 Religious Program
8:00 News
8:10 Light Music
8:30 Literary Magazine
8:45 Customs Rules
9:00 News
9:05 Pakistan's Progress Path

Evening
4:30 Religious Program
4:46 Old Mestres (Music)
5:15 Historical Notes
5:45 One Foot
6:00 News
6:15 Press Review
6:20 On This Day
6:25 New Stage

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it

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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letter apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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MPLQS BWP HREF REP
SBWI EUBBW — OQEHJVZ

Saturday's Cryptoquote: I HAVE NEVER BEEN HURT BY ANYTHING I DIDN'T SAY. — CALVIN COOLIDGE

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Stan Smith's Tennis Class

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8:00 News Roundup
8:05 Reports: Actualities
8:30 Opinion: Analysis
8:30 Definition
9:00 Special English: News Feature, The Making of a Nation
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10:00 News Roundup
10:05 Reports: Actualities
10:05 Opening: Analysis

10:30 News Summary
10:35 VOA Magazine
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Midnight
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Holiday abroad

Polish bank cuts off allocation of dollars

WARSAW, March 8 (AP) — The Polish National Bank has reportedly said there will be no allocation of dollars for Poles who want to vacation in the West this spring, two days after officials announced a significant easing of rules for getting passports.

About \$20 million were to be allocated to Poles who wanted to travel abroad this year but the "grave economic situation" has forced the cancellation of the plan, according to Warsaw's evening newspaper *Kurjer Polski* in a report published Friday.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of the Interior said Wednesday that it would ease rules for passports, acquired by Poles on a temporary basis for travel either to Western Europe or

the rest of the world.

Under the proposed rules, Poles could receive a passport for three years, good for all countries in the world, officials told a news conference Wednesday.

Under current rules, Poles must have at least \$150 for travel abroad and are entitled to buy them every three years at the rate of about 55 to 60 zlotys per dollar. The rate for tourists entering Poland is 33 zlotys to the dollar.

The paper said that the economic situation was the reason that dollars for travel could not be allocated at the beginning of the travel season in March, but it did not say if such limitations would end in later months.

Turkey shows signs of recovery

ANKARA, March 8 (AP) — The Turkish economy, near collapse a year ago, shows signs of a robust recovery and the architect of the revival, Economic czar Turgut Ozal, happily takes full credit.

In each of the last six months, when compared to the same month going back at least six years, Turkey posted record exports.

If Turkey is ever to be a sound member of the Western economic club, a dynamic export program is the key for this resource rich but oil poor NATO member.

The country still faces a nearly insurmountable balance of payment problem and figures to need \$1.5 billion in aid this year alone from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

ing and that the United States and West Germany will provide half that amount.

Ozal, a deputy prime minister appointed the country's economic manager by ousted Prime Minister Seydamet Demirel, fashioned the Turkish austerity program that went into effect last Jan. 24 — about seven months ahead of the coup.

Ozal recently told the Associated Press that he gives the coup no credit for the recovery of the economy. He said his plans began showing positive results after the coup only because it took that long for them to have an effect.

Ozal's aides said Turkey managed to export goods worth \$2.9 billion in 1980. At the same time it had to import materials worth \$5.5 billion nearly half of that for crude oil.

Counting hard currency remittances by Turkish workers in western Europe, Turkey's balance of payments last year was a negative \$1.5 billion exactly the amount Ozal seeks from the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) this year.

The major miracle worked by Ozal, and his tight money policies, however, has been to reduce the annual inflation rate from more than 100 percent a year ago to about 40 percent now. Ozal recently predicted it could fall below 30 percent by the end of this year.

"We could squeeze it down even further if we wanted, but there is a limit to what Turks can endure," a close Ozal adviser claims on the inflation front but discounts his assertion that his policies are behind the surprising growth in export figures.

\$12m to fight pollution in Mediterranean Sea

CANNES, France, March 8 (R) — Sixteen countries with Mediterranean coasts have agreed to spend \$12 million fighting pollution in the sea between now and 1983.

They decided Saturday on the figure, a compromise between a higher sum proposed by the United Nations and a lower sum proposed by the states involved, after a six-day conference in this southern French city.



'WIGWAMS' ALL OVER: What appears here like an Indian wigwam settlement is in reality an open field with lots of reed piles, piled up in Breitenbrunn, Austria, by the farmers, who had just harvested the reed and prepare it now for transport.

Supply bottlenecks

Food aplenty yet millions starve

VIENNA, March 8 (R) — The world could easily feed its 460 million hungry people if only it could find a way to get the food to them, according to a major international research project here which has been recently studying the grain markets.

Enough grain is already produced to feed the whole world adequately and more could easily be grown, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) says.

But, according to this East-West research institute which opened outside Vienna in 1972, there are bottlenecks in distribution at all levels — from the dealings of world grain markets to shortages of petrol for delivery trucks in Africa.

"Hunger in the world could be eradicated with not too much effort, at least from a production point of view," says Ferenc Rabar, retiring head of IIASA's food and agriculture program. "But we don't know how to get the food to the people."

The food and agriculture program of IIASA, financed by the Academies of Science of its 17-member countries, is doing an in-depth study of the world's food distribution system.

The first computer simulation of the study's findings after five years of research shows that even immediate huge grain production increases — such as the 30 million tons considered necessary to eradicate world hunger — would not reach the undernourished.

If the extra wheat were added to present market supplies, it would depress prices and lead rich countries to buy more grain than usual for cattle feed or strategic stockpiles, the study concludes. Poor countries, which have little money anyway to buy grain, would get almost none of the extra supplies.

"A run of our computer model of the world food market showed the market mechanism would absorb the 30 million tons of wheat on the international market so that it would reach the hungry people who need it," he said.

Thirty million tons of wheat — the most commonly traded grain — would equal less than two per cent of the 1.6 billion tons of grain produced around the world annually.

"The dimensions of the problem are actually not that large," argues Kirit Parikh, who has just taken over the program from Rabar.

"The world could feed everybody without extra production if it redistributed food from rich to poor countries," the Indian professor said. "But that is not realistic, so we are trying to find ways to add supplies and be sure they will reach the undernourished."

Guenter Fischer, an Austrian research associate who conducted the study, said he programmed the computer to test how international markets would react to "additional world supplies of 30 million tons of wheat annually."

"World prices would quickly drop to 75 per cent of their current level, and slowly rise to 82 per cent by the end of the decade," he said.

The drop in prices would push U.S. wheat production down to 73 million tons from 78 million tons annually, pulling exports down to 42 million from 48 million tons, he said. Washington's buffer stocks would rise to 31 million tons from 22.5 million.

Some production around the world would switch to rice or even non-edible produce, taking more food off the market, the study indicated.

Lower prices would hardly help third world countries, he added. India would probably only import 0.8 per cent more grain than it now does. Thailand 3.6 per cent and Kenya four per cent more — and poorer developing countries not included in the study would probably be able to buy no more food than before.

"Many third world countries are so poor they couldn't do anything," Fischer said.

Parikh said the study, which bases its projections on data from 20 countries making up 80 per cent of the world's population, land mass and farm output, has not yet come up with alternative policies for international grain distribution.

When completed, it should offer not only policy alternatives but a means to test the practicality of reform proposals put forward by institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) or the World Food Council.

It also plans to complete individual studies of the 20 countries, considering trade balances, foreign aid needs, transport problems and the distribution problems arising from income inequalities.

These detailed studies will be important, he said, since the grain importing developing countries are expected to see their imports rise to 180 million tons by the year 2000, after 47 million in 1980, and watch their agricultural commodity trade balances slip from a \$6 billion surplus to a \$36 billion deficit.

"We are just at the beginning of our analysis of domestic policies, urban-rural differences and class barriers in the third world," he said. "This could be an explosive topic, so we want to do our homework in detail."

Cars lead export list in Japan

TOKYO, March 8 (AFP) — The automotive industry was Japan's biggest exporter during 1980 for the fifth consecutive year, the Toyota Motor Sales Company confirmed.

Company statistics said 1980 exports of cars, motorcycles and their parts totaled \$28.4 billion up 35.9 per cent over 1979. The total accounted for 21.9 per cent of Japan's exports in 1980.

The steel industry placed second, followed by shipbuilding, scientific and optical instruments and metal products industries.

Auto companies held four of the five top positions in the export realm. Third place went to Nippon Steel Corporation, the world's largest steel maker, the statistics showed.

Toyota Motor Sales, the marketing arm of the Nippon Motor Company, has remained at the top five years in a row. Nissan Motor Company placed second, Honda Motor Company fourth and Toyo Kogyo fifth.

Meanwhile France is increasingly bent on taking up the "Japanese challenge" to achieve balanced trading and economic relations with Japan.

The French want to straighten up what they see as a lopsided relationship. Their determination was demonstrated last week when Premier Raymond Barre chaired a two-hour meeting of cabinet ministers directly concerned by ties with Japan.

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Communication	Mecca/Medina Expressway (Medina Room) at 387 kms long - the first phase	2000	23.581	
	2nd phase Mecca/Medina Expressway (Room-Taima) at 42 kms long			24.581
	3rd phase Mecca/Medina Expressway (Taima-Ah-Khul) at 56.7 kms			
	4th phase Al-Ahul-AJ-Shalaha at 56 kms			
	5th phase Al-Shalaha-AJ-Salm at 56 kms			
	6th Al-Salm/AJ-Qudhaima at 72 kms			
	7th Al-Qudhaima/Asfan at 61 kms			25.581
	8th phase Asfan/AJ-Jamoon at 33 kms			
	9th phase Al-Ahul/AJ-Suwayriq at 39.7 kms			26.581
	10th phase: construction pavement of the road connecting Jeddah/Medina Highway to Mecca/Medina Highway at Qudhaima area at 59 kms long			
Ministry of PTT, Saudi Telephones	Junction materials & instruments and hand-installed electric boring machine, etc.	730080	100	9.3.81
	Renovation of Telecom. Build. at Qawa'iyah	2400401	50	31.3.81
	Project drilling tubular arisan well and supply 8 installation of pumping unit associated with auxiliaries of the Guard Commandment at Alar	35400401	500	13.3.81

PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 8TH MARCH, 1981 2ND J-AWAL, 1401.

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
1.	Mercario Persia	A.E.T.	Contra/Trailers/Flats	7.3.81
6.	Ocean Enterprise	A.E.T.	Canned Goods	8.3.81
9.	Ardanah	Alireza	Heavy Veh./Gen.	5.3.81
12.	Cheung Chau	Alireza	Steel Pipes/Gen.	6.3.81
13.	Myotjin	Alireza	Vehicles	7.3.81
16.	Muncaster Castle	A.E.T.	Contra/Load MTYs	8.3.81
18.	Zeus 1	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	5.3.81
19.	Toli Arrow	Alisbah	Bulk Cement	6.3.81
20.	Adamas	Alisbah	Bagged Barley	5.3.81
21.	Golden Damman	El Hawi	Timber/Gen/Contra	4.3.81
22.	Saudi Prince	O.Trade	Cement/Gen/Trucks	7.3.81
23.	Union Hodeidah	O.C.E.	Contra/Cement/Ply-wood/Steel	7.3.81
25.	Maria	Alsaada	Bagged Barley	7.3.81
27.	Eastern Academy	Barnaodah	Bagged Sugar	7.3.81
31.	Atlantic Freezer	O.C.E.	Chicken	5.3.81
35.	Rhine Maru	A.E.T.	Containers	7.3.81
38.	Thomas Roth	Alireza	Vehs/Gen/Contra/Mobiles	7.3.81
40.	Nawaf	Najd	Cars/General	6.3.81
41.	Privspitski Odrad	Azhar	Cars/Pipes/General	7.3.81

RECENT ARRIVALS:

Atlaya	M.T.A.	Contra/Gen/Timber	8.3.81
Maria	Alsaada	Bagged Barley	7.3.81
Fresno City	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Barley	7.3.81
Thomas Roth	Alireza	Vehs/Gen/Contra/Mobiles	7.3.81
Eldir	Barber	To load dismantled crane	8.3.81
Union Hodeidah	O.C.E.	Contra/Cement/Ply-wood/Steel	7.3.81

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT DAMMAM SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 2.5.1401/8.3.1981 CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS

1.	Mount Olympus	Gulf	Bulk Barley	7.2.81
2.	Cape Lesuwin	Orr	Bulk Ironore	6.3.81
3.	Indus Maru	AST	Gen/Contra	7.3.81
4.	Young Sportsman	Karoo	General	8.3.81
9.	Family Unity	Gulf	Bagged Sugar	4.3.81
12.	Al Mubarakiah	Karoo	General	6.3.81
13.	Dees Bank	Karoo	General	7.3.81
15.	Gallini	highspeed	Bagged Sugar	4.3.81
16.	Columbus Venture	Alireza	Bagged Rice	4.3.81
17.	caryatis	Gossibi	Bagged Cement	12.2.81
21.	Al Mer	Gossibi	Bagged Cement	5.3.81
27.	San Felice	Gossibi	Bagged Barley	3.3.81
31.	Jingju Maru	Alireza	Motor Vehicles	8.3.81
34.	Mara Artico	Star Navi	Bananac	6.3.81
35.	Ibn Al Nafes	Karoo	Steel Pipes/Gen.	7.3.81
6.	Torm Helvig (D.B.)	Sabah	Bulk Cement	5.3.81
7.	Blue Pine (D.B.)	Barber	Bulk Cement	4.3.81
8.	Uni Cement	Globe	Cement Silo VSL	30.11.80

Grim days ahead for EEC

BRUSSELS, March 8 (AFP) — The economic outlook for the ten-member countries of the European Economic Community as a group has worsened sharply since the beginning of the year. The EEC commission forecast near-stagnation in the community in 1981 projections released.

But at the time, it predicted that the EEC's aggregate growth rate would remain at 1.3 per cent in 1980 and 3.5 per cent in 1979.

However, the commission's latest forecasts point to a much less encouraging outcome. It now expects that the ten countries combined gross national product will be reduced by 0.6 per cent by the end of the year.

The recession will continue in Britain, with its GNP likely to fall by two per cent for the second year running, the commission says. This had been anticipated for some time. What was not expected in the fall and early winter, was that West Germany would be plunged into recession, too.

Although the German economy remains the EEC's strongest, where "fundamentals" are concerned, the commission now foresees a negative growth rate of 0.6 per cent, down from two per cent in 1980. This contraction will have consequences for its EEC partners. The GNP of Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands is likely to decline by respectively 0.8, 0.7 and 0.6 per cent. In France, growth will remain barely positive at 0.5 per cent against 1.5 per cent in 1980.

Ireland and Greece, the least advanced EEC countries, are expected to show some-

what brighter performances, with growth rates of 1.8 to 2.4 per cent.

It is the first time in the EEC's 23-year history that recession has gripped more than half its member countries simultaneously (Belgium and Luxembourg form an economic union inside the community and are counted together), and the implications will include a sharp rise in unemployment. The commission foresees a jobless rate of 7.4 per cent, up from six per cent in 1980, and no reduction in the EEC current account deficit which will remain equal to 1.5 of its GNP.

The only bright spot in the forecasts, presented here last week, is the prospect of some reduction of the community's average inflation rate, from 12.1 per cent in 1980 to 10.5 per cent or so this year.

The somber outlook of the EEC is likely to affect the community's trading partners through a further decline in demand for imports. It explains the growing irritation in Western Europe over what is seen as aggressive selling by Japanese exporters, who have steadily increased their market shares in such sectors as automobiles, steel, shipbuilding and advanced electronics and audio equipment in recent years.

France wants the next summit of the seven leading industrial nations, in Ottawa next July, to look at Japan's economic relations with its Western partners. And observers agree that it will be hard to stem protectionist pressures in Western Europe as long as the ranks of the jobless continue to swell and economic recovery remains a remote prospect.

Foreign Exchange Rates

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.93
Belgian Franc (1,000)	97.00	112.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.79	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	158.00	158.50	157.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	143.00	—	142.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.13	4.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.15	91.40
French Franc (100)	67.00	68.00	67.10
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	66.50	65.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.65
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.55	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	32.00	33.50	32.70
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.10	—	16.20
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.46	10.39
Korean Dollar	—	12.24	12.22
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.00	83.70
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	72.00	71.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.41	7.45	7.35
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.00	92.20
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	159.70
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	39.25
Swiss Franc (100)	174.00	173.00	171.60
Syrian Lira (100)	—	56.80	86.20
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.48	3.353
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.40	73.45
Gold kg.	—	51,000.00	—
10 Tolas bar	—	6,050.00	—
Ounce	—	1,710.00	—

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BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (R) — The energy and minerals company Amx Inc. has announced it has rejected a bid worth about \$3.8 billion from Standard Oil Company of California (SOCAL) for the 80 per cent of Amx shares SOCAL does not already own.

ROME (AFP) — Oil groups E.N.I of Italy and Occidental Petroleum of the U.S. have concluded an agreement to form a new company with a capital of \$1.1 billion. The Italian chemical industry thus gains access to American coal and new markets, while Occidental obtains a bigger foothold in the chemical sector.

ATLANTA, (AFP) — Former President Jimmy Carter's peanut warehouse in Plains, Georgia, his home town, has been sold for \$1.2 million to an Illinois food company, it was learned here.

FRANKFURT, (AFP) — West Germany's Central Bundesbank has spend more than a third of its foreign currency reserves in the last 14 months to support the mark and finance the balance of payments deficit on current account.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — Chinese industrial enterprises, which have been given considerable management independence, turned over more profits to the state last year, the New China News Agency has reported. A national conference on industrial management reform being held in Peking was told

that preliminary statistics from 5,777 of these enterprises show that they handed over 29,000 million Yuan (\$19,000 million) in profits to the state last year.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Japan has decided to switch negotiators on car export problems at a crucial point in its talks with the United States. International Trade and Industry Minister Rokusuke Tanka is replacing Saburo Okita, former foreign minister and now the government envoy for external economic affairs.

DAKAR, (AFP) — Nigeria is prepared to take a one-quarter share in an American-European-African consortium to prospect and mine uranium in Guinea, where eight deposits were discovered recently, Guinean radio monitored here said.

TURIN, North Italy, (AFP) — A massive petrol scandal uncovered in Italy in October has led to 300 new legal cases involving some 150 company heads and administrators and another 150 small firms in north Italy, it was learnt here. The fraud involved the doctoring and resale of oil products, destined for the chemical industry, as normal or super grade petrol.

GENEVA, (R) — A panel of shipping experts has drawn up a list of questions for bulk cargo exporters and importers as part of a United Nations campaign to increase developing countries' share in shipping.

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Polish union urges talks today

Students gather at campus



Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski

WARSAW, March 8 (AP) — Leaders of the independent union Solidarity on Sunday called for talks with the government after a meeting that dealt with reported harassment of some union members and an apparent crackdown on dissidents.

The conciliatory communique called for reinstatement of five workers in Lodz who were fired, an issue that has prompted the union chapter there to call for a warning strike on Tuesday that is to develop in stages into a shutdown of industries in the entire province, according to an earlier union report.

Union leaders said the talks should focus on enforcement on last summer's strike-ending agreements regarding guarantees against "imprisonment of people for their views and anti-trade union reprisals."

"If the security of the union will not be guaranteed, the social peace (of Poland) will be threatened," the communique said, omitting any reference to strikes.

There are now eight dissidents in jail of whom four were indicated last Friday for seeking the violent overthrow of Poland's Communist system. The communique did not name any of the dissidents.

A union member told reporters after Sunday's meeting that Solidarity expected talks



Polish labor leader Lech Walesa

Monday between Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski, and their leader Lech Walesa.

The member said that Walesa was waiting for an invitation from the prime minister for a meeting. The mild tone of the communique was meant to help the talks and leave both sides flexibility in negotiating controversial issues, he added.

Meanwhile, students carrying umbrellas and raincoats gathered on the rain-soaked city campus of the University of Warsaw to commemorate a month of riots that began there 13 years ago.

There were unconfirmed reports that another demonstration would be held two miles away in front of a building once occupied by the Stalinist-era security services to remember the "victims of Stalinism."

Among the speakers expected to address students Sunday is Jacek Kuron, leader of the

dissident Committee for Social Self-Defense (KOR) and a top Solidarity adviser. He and fellow KOR member Adam Michnik were visited by police with summonses last week, and Kuron was detained for five hours to hear new charges filed against him. Michnik refused the summons, saying it was not complete.

The student commemorations come amid heightened tensions following a toughly worded Soviet communique last week calling on Polish leaders to end dissidence and labor unrest.

A spokesman for the Solidarity chapter in Lodz said the local would have no response to the communique, and will "stick by our previous statement." The strike action concerns the firing of five Solidarity members who worked at a Lodz hospital belonging to the interior ministry.

Reagan flies to Canada tomorrow

WASHINGTON, March 8 (R) — President Ronald Reagan flies to Ottawa Tuesday for a goodwill visit expected to stress traditional U.S.-Canadian friendship but produce no early solutions to longstanding economic disputes. Reagan, making his first foreign trip as president, will meet Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau Tuesday and address the Canadian parliament Wednesday before returning to Washington.

His main goals are to become acquainted with Trudeau, whom he has not met, try to pave the way for solving U.S.-Canadian problems, and begin consultations with another allied leader. Reagan has already conferred with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet on strains in East-West detente and other international issues.

Monday, on the eve of his visit to Ottawa, he will meet West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher to discuss, among other topics, Germany's desire to see an improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations.

Although bilateral relations will be discussed at length, the president and Trudeau intend to cover other problems of vital concern to the security and welfare of their countries. These issues include El Salvador and Canada's criticism of U.S. arms aid to the central American country, stalled peace negotiations in the Middle East and East-West relations.

Officials said the president intended to review the situation in the Gulf, marked by the Iraq-Iran war, Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and threats to world oil supplies, but would not press Trudeau to endorse a U.S. proposal for a multilateral naval force in the region.

Most of the detailed exchanges on fishing rights, the environmental impact of U.S. pollution on Canada and Canada's energy program will be conducted by Secretary of State Alexander Haig and other senior U.S. officials with their Canadian counterparts. This will leave Reagan and Trudeau free to discuss overall strategy and create an atmosphere that could help their ministers in finding solutions to bilateral problems.

Reagan told a press conference Friday he was trying to build a strong relationship among the United States, Canada and Mexico, which he described as the "three big countries" in the Western hemisphere. But Reagan, who will meet Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo at the end of April, said he doubted whether an agreement would be reached with Trudeau to settle fishing and other disputes with Canada.

The fishing treaties were signed nearly two years ago but not ratified by the U.S. Senate.

Against Viets

Sihanouk seeks U.S. help



Prince Norodom Sihanouk

PYONGYANG, March 8 (AFP) — Former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk said here Sunday he expects to ask the United States for military support for an independent "Sihanoukist" force, whatever the outcome of forthcoming negotiations on a proposed anti-Vietnamese opposition coalition.

The negotiations, in this North Korean capital where the prince has a home-in-exile, are expected with the Khmer Rouge, ousted from Phnom Penh two years ago by Vietnamese troops which back Kampuchea's present Heng Samrin regime.

Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan, who flew from Bangkok to Peking Saturday is expected here, though the date of his arrival was not known Sunday. (In Peking Saturday, he conferred with Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang.)

Prince Sihanouk, who proposed the anti-Vietnamese coalition earlier this year, told this correspondent he would seek U.S. military aid even if the negotiations with the Khmer Rouge failed. He has already made Chinese military assistance a condition of association with the Khmer Rouge, his old enemies, and commented, "aid is better from two sources than one."

Prince Sihanouk said the resistance force owing him allegiance in Kampuchea, the "Moulinaka" Kampuchea National Liberation Movement, at present had 2,000 men, with external aid could "immediately reach 20,000 men," and eventually could have as many as 100,000.

Outlining his "personal" position on an anti-Vietnamese coalition's aims, Prince Sihanouk said he felt it "would not be

reasonable" to intend overcoming the 200,000-strong Vietnamese army in Kampuchea, although he recognized this would not be the Khmer Rouge and Chinese position.

China backs the armed struggle of some 30,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas which make up the main body of the resistance forces operating in Kampuchea. Prince Sihanouk said he thought it would be necessary to "harass the Vietnamese occupier, forcing him eventually to sit down at the conference table to work out an honorable compromise under which Vietnam would give Kampuchea its independence. We could for our part, accept that the pro-Vietnamese party of Heng Samrin take part in general elections organized under international control."

26 die as truck hits Taipei train

TAIPEI, March 8 (AFP) — A gravel lorry hit a northbound train Sunday throwing five carriages down to a river killing at least 26 persons and injuring 110, half of them seriously. Police said the incident occurred at 11:30 a.m. near Hsinchu, some 69 kms southwest of Taipei.

The truck driver died instantly when the train hit it as it rushed through an open railway crossing in the countryside. The train, which had its engine at the tail, was moving onto a bridge, when it hit the truck. The derailed carriages plunged to the river below.

Iraqi troops claim highest Iranian toll

BEIRUT, March 8 (R) — Iraq has claimed it has inflicted on Iran one of the highest daily death tolls in the Gulf War, the official Iraqi news agency reported. In 24 hours, Iraqi forces had killed 292 Iranian soldiers on major battle fronts, the agency quoted an Iraqi high command communique as saying Saturday.

The communique said 203 Iranian soldiers were killed in a fierce battle in western Kermanshah province in which all types of weapons were used. The Iraqis also destroyed four tanks and two vehicles.

It also said Iraqi troops had made a night raid on Kharg Island, as well as on Dezful, in Khuzestan province.

In defense budget

U.S. opts for large ships

WASHINGTON, March 8 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's new military spending proposals have caused another great naval battle, not for control of the high seas but over the size of the U.S. navy's future ships.

The argument is between those who want the navy to build ships of enormous size and cost — not less than 40,000 tons — and those who prefer a greater number of ships that are merely huge. The president's proposals appeared to tip the balance in favor of the large ship advocates. His \$22.2 billion Pentagon spending plan was intended to set the United States on its way to a 600-ship navy with 15 battle groups led by nuclear-powered aircraft carriers.

A year after former President Jimmy Carter reluctantly agreed to a fifth huge carrier, Reagan proposed yet another, now estimated to cost \$3.7 billion without its planes or support ships. Pentagon officials said a single battle group would cost about \$17 billion by the time the sixth carrier was in service eight to ten years from now.

While the new carriers are being built Reagan asked for money to reactivate two World War II battleships, 45,000-ton behemoths that have not seen service for more than 30 years. His proposals, described by Navy Secretary John Lehman as the first signs of a major shift in naval strategy, brought

cries of protest from the small-ship advocates in Congress.

One of their leading spokesmen, Colorado Sen. Gary Hart, took the floor Thursday to tell a nearly empty chamber that the navy needed more vessels — smaller and cheaper — to fulfill its far-flung obligations. Only one out of three carriers were on duty at any one time, with the others in port or undergoing repairs, he said. The navy would, therefore, need nine new battle groups to keep 15 deployed in place of the current 12.

Reagan and Lehman proposed.

In an age when the Soviet Union, like the United States, is capable of hitting ships with powerful nuclear warheads fired from thousands of kilometers away, the larger carriers and battleships would be sitting ducks, he said.

Lehman strongly disputed this, saying that "in an all-out nuclear war, the biggest ships are the least vulnerable."

The United States could not afford the best defensive technology, such as advanced missile cruisers at the cost of \$1 billion each, to escort the small carriers that Sen. Hart wanted, Lehman said.

Smaller ships were also more vulnerable to the blast effects of a nuclear near-miss; although even the biggest carrier or battleships would be destroyed by a direct hit.

Guerrilla offensive

Salvador town attacked

SAN SALVADOR, March 8 (AP) — Anti-government guerrillas have attacked the tiny northern town of Arcatao and the army immediately sent in troops to reinforce those already there, a military source said. Arcatao, which has a population of about 3,000, has been attacked by guerrillas before but the sources said the attack Saturday was "stronger" than previous ones.

It appeared the guerrillas dominated by leftist groups, appeared to be preparing for another offensive to capture power, but there was no indication of that from the opposition. In the capital, four banks were bombed before dawn as the left kept up its efforts to bring down the shaky economy of the nation.

Meanwhile, a report in the Foreign Policy magazine said an increase in military aid to El Salvador's government could lead to a regional war that ties down already-pressed U.S. resources, thus achieving a "major Soviet objective."

The temptation to escalate U.S. involvement by providing weapons and advisers to

central American rightists should be weighed against a number of considerations, writes author Robert S. Leiken in the Saturday issue of the nation.

He says such actions would strip the United States of credible allies in the region by estranging Mexico and crippling U.S. influence with other significant countries such as Venezuela, Panama, Costa Rica and Ecuador, trigger condemnation by many of the United States' European allies, particularly those with social democratic governments; and make the Salvadoran insurgents dependent — as they now are not — on aid from Cuba.

Leiken says increased outside intervention could ignite regional war, pitting the governments of Guatemala and perhaps Honduras against Nicaragua and Cuba. "A major Soviet strategic objective would thus be achieved: the tying down of U.S. resources already stretched to the limit around the globe," he says.

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E. Germans fire on British plane

LONDON, March 8 (AP) — A Royal Air Force C-130 transport was hit when East German forces fired on it during a flight across the Communist state to Berlin, British newspapers reported Sunday. The papers said the incident occurred two weeks ago. The defense ministry here declined comment on the report, but said it is investigating.

A spokesman noted that no RAF planes have strayed outside the air corridor linking western Europe with Berlin. The Foreign Office also declined comment on reports the British government has made a strong protest to the East German regime.

Russia reiterates call for summit, SALT talks

MOSCOW, March 8 (AP) — A commentary published Sunday in the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda restated Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev's calls for a summit meeting with President Reagan and for the resumption of Soviet-U.S. strategic arms talks.

It urged Washington to "take a realistic view of things" and asked for "negotiations on the entire complex of problems."

"To dream of a win in the arms race and to count on a win in a nuclear war is dangerous madness," the article said.

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private sector technical expertise through the Saudi Development Fund, vocational training institutes and training abroad.

Aba Al-Khail said the government will sell part of its shares in semi-state projects as soon as they achieve an extent of flourishing that secures their continuity.

The government's shares would be sold to employees of private and public sectors and the public in general, he added.

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